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Hamas offers Israel cease-fire Group requests prisoner release and end to 'aggression against Palestinians'

Without Rabin we must be more Cautious

DOUGLAS DAVIS LONDON

Sneh:

I\$RAEL without Yitzhak Rabin is ess capable of making substantive concessions for peace than it was when he was prime minister, lealth Minister Ephraim Sneb aid here yesterday.

"Israel without Rabin lacks the moral authority to make more fconcessions than Israel with Rabin," he said.

"Israel without Rabin must be more cautious. Without the leadership of Rabin. Israel can afford only smaller concessions than in the past because Rabin had a special authority and he had the ability to help Israelis to take risks. "If we adhere to his legacy, we

do not do so as a favor, because if we ignore his legacy, we may compromise the security of Israel," he said. "The only responsible path for Israeb leaders is to follow his heritage."

. He said Prime Minister Shimon Peres stood in the front rank of world leaders, "but Rabin's ability to convince Israelis to take the path of peace was unique. It is very difficult to fill the vacuum his loss has created."

Sneb, on a one-day visit to London, made the comments in his keynote address to an international conference on the subject "Israel after Rabin," sponsored by the Britain Israel Public Affairs Center (BIPAC) and King's

College, London University. He predicted "very tough nego-tiations with Syria over a long time" and stressed that Israel must "insist on our security needs." Israel, he said, must not allow its deterrent capacity to be eroded, it must retain strategic supremacy and its nuclear ambiguity.

At the same time, he said, Israel should "try everything possible to prepare ourselves and mobilize others to block the very dangerous efforts by Iraq and Iran to acquire unconventional weapons.

HAMAS and its armed wing Izzadin Kassam last night offered Israel a cease-fire in return for the release of its pris-oners, a balt to "organized terrorism against Hamas and its Kassam brigades ... and an end to aggression against Palestinian civilians." Officials in the Prime

Minister's Office refused to comment on the offer. The five-point proposal also contained a threat that if Israel did

not respond by 7 p.m. a week from today, "Kassam brigades will be free to take any military action against anyone in the Jewish state ... We warn the Zionist entity and the General Security Service against committing terrorist acts." The contents of the leaflet, which come after several other contradictory statements by Hamas since the Jerosalem and Ashkelon bombings on Sunday,

are not new. But it is notable for being signed by both Hamas and Izzadin Kassam, indicating that they have reached reement on goals and strategy. Hamas described its offer as "a golden opportunity for the Israeli government to rid civilians from both sides of the fear of war and bloody conflict."

result of the carrot and the stick. We cornered them."

He said the truce could have been offered earlier, but "it was sabotaged when somebody killed Yihye Ayyash," the bomb-maker considered responsible for several suicide bombings. Some statements in the leaflet

contradict previous ones in other leaflets.

Izzadin Kassam, the statement

Levy considers Likud proposal SARAH HONIG

DAVID Levy promised to "study and consider" a new offer from the Likud last night, after he was about to close the door on any agreement.

This in effect marks the beginning of formal talks on creating a three-way bloc with the Likud, Tsomet, and Levy's new Gesher Party.

The entire effort was revived at the last minute hy a Tsomet concession which made it possible for Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu to make a new proposal to Levy.

Levy had already summoned a press conference to denounce the Likud and the way it had handled the entire episode. He bad launched his acerbic attack when a fax from MK Ariel Sharon arrived with the new offer and changed the picture.

The sticking point throughout the day was Levy's demand to get precisely what Tsomet had in its agreement with Likud. That would have meant seven safe slots for Levy's people on the list of

Knesset candidates Netanyahu could not afford to give away so many of the Likud's own slots and had asked that Tsomet make do with just six. But Tsomet had refused until Levy was about to begin his angry press conference.

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said, bad not meant to "embarrass

the Palestinian Authority in its last

operations and only wanted to

avenge the blood of The Engineer." In a statement three days earlier, distributed by the PA, it denied

taking "direct or indirect responsi-

Cairo last night, where he met with senior Moslem Brotherbood lead-

ers in an effort to influence Hamas.

Hamas claims responsibility for attacks, Page 3

Arafat himself returned from

bility" for Sunday's attacks.

Then Tsomet flinched and Netanyahu's brinkmanship paid off. Tsomet agreed to move its seventh candidate from the 38th to the 42nd slot. The 41st slot would go to Levy's seventh candidate

After first acrimoniously hitting out at the Likud, Levy said he would now "study and consider the offer. The Gesber Party forums will bave to decide upon it in the proper manner. Only now will the substantive negotiations actually begin."

Levy opened his address to the press by claiming that "there have been oo real negotiations up to now, because no formal offer has come to us. A trusted friend, Ariel Sharon, talked to me about the (Continued on Page 2)



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David Levy holds the fax he just received from the Liknd at last night's press conference. To his right is MK David Magun.

With friends like Levy, who needs enemies

JON IMMANUEL Nabil Abn Rudeinch, a senior adviser to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat described the leaflet as "a very important political statement. It offers the Israeli government a truce, and I

am sure our dialogue with them in Cairo belped." ing," Abu Rudeineh said. "It is the

This does not come out of noth-

Soch listed his fundamental requirements in final status negotiations with the Palestinians as the unity of Jerusalem; demilitarization of the West Bank and Gaza Strip; and an Israeli defense line based on the Jordan River.

"I consider these to be red lines," Sneh added. "All the rest is open to negotiations. I hope our party's platform in the forthcoming elections will be along these

IDF officer wins pre-Eurovision contest

LIAT COLLINS

AND the winner is ... Galit Bell and ber song "Sbalom Olam." Bell, an IDF officer, was last night chosen out of 12 contestants to represent Israel in the Eurovision Song Contest scheduled to be held May 18 in Oslo. This year's preliminary contest

had more than the usual number /if unknowns aiming for their 3 minutes fame on television screens throughout Europe.

The competition which in the past gave us Rita's shoulder, Yardena Arazi in red wellington boots, and Zvika Pik in Bermuda sborts, this year presented the public with a show based on sexual innuendo of the most basic "what goes up, must come down" kind.

Emcees Tal Mann and Ron Levanthal were so full of zippy, young energy the viewers began (Continued on Page 2)

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LIKUD chairman Binyamin Netanyahu must have been asking himself yesterday if David Levy is the sort of partner he could ever work with. Levy exoded hostility in his references to the Likud at his press conference last night, and he spewed venom at Netanyahu, without so much as even mentioning his

If Levy's strange performance is anything to go by, he hasn't changed a hit. He was full of pomp and pathos, self-indignation and resentment. He sounded like someone who, more than anything, wants to do Netanyahu in. rather than someone who wants to help him in his uphill campaign to be elected prime minister.

Levy gave the appearance of ond

THE High Court of Justice yester-

day strongly recommended that

the Treasury increase its payments

to Nazi victims, but the victims

said the decision did not go far

Moshe Weiss, 70, a survivor of

Auschwitz who came to Israel in

1947. "We thought the judges would decide once and for all."

Instead, the justices ordered the

Treasury to "reconsider" its posi-

tion "in light of the guidelines in

many of the survivors won't live

long enough to enjoy the bene-

Finance Minister Avraham

Shohat's response did not quiet

Shohat promised to "honor the

court's decision and work to

implement it," but only "after [the

Treasury] has studied the implica-

while the court said the payments

should be increased, it did not

"[Shohat] will throw us all per-

haps another NIS 200 [a month],"

Weiss also complained that

tions of the decisioo in depth."

specify by how much.

"I'm not at all pleased," said

enough.

this ruling.

these fears.

being dragged by his head against his heart. He knows that on his own, he will get very few MKs into the Knesset and that the Likud offers him a way to double his Knesset representation. But what Levy fervently wants is to hurt Netanyahu and prevent him from becoming prime minister by keeping his spoiler candidacy

afloar Levy summoned the press to lash out at his favorite object of hate - Netanyahu. He arrived all fired up and ready to announce that no deal with the Likud was ever in the works, and that at any rate the deal-that-wasn't had fallen through.

Tsomet, however, had spoiled bis plans and at the very last secmade it possible for

COMMENT SARAH HONIG

Netanyahu to change his offer to Levy. The indefatigable Ariel Sharon faxed the revised proposal to Levy as he was warming up for his anti-Netanyahu tirade. Levy was unable to switch gears gracefully. Caught off guard, he continued in the rancorous tone with which he began, but rather than break off contacts with the Likud, he reluctantly asserted that he was only now ... beginning them.

All he had done so far, according to Levy's disjointed account, was to agree, as a personal favor his "trustworthy friend" to Sharon, to hear him out. Until that time, no formal offer had

its payments to survivors - an

argument which the court reject-

ed, noting that the law does not

limit the payments in any way

except to say that increases require approval by the Knesset

Finance Committee.

reached him and no negotiations were under way. Now that the offer had come, he would deign to talk.

Levy had mounted a rousing defense of his prestige. Having to save face, he refused to admit that he finds the new offer acceptable; all that he would allow is that there is something to consider. He denied that his party is merging into the Likud and maintained that his actions would be determined by what is best to further the week-old Gesher credo.

At the outset, however, he described the Likud as down and out, infimating that he is the one who is altruistically out to rescue it. He expressed 'utter contempt for this despicable attempt to make us look like petty hagglers."

If yesterday showed anything, it is that his central concern remains his "honor." There was not a word about the

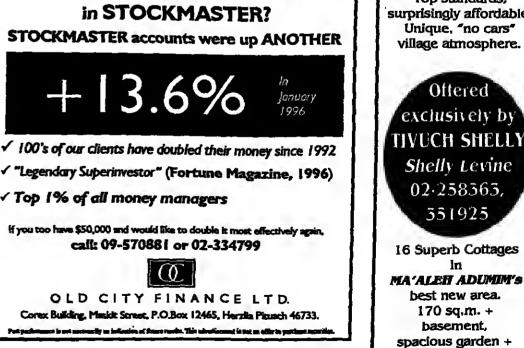
national camp, not a word about the state of the nation, or about his attitude toward the Labor coalition's policies. Levy did not appear in the least committed to a change in government. Even if the Likud strikes a deal with him, the question remains how far Levy would really go to help Netanyahu and the Likud. He might sulk just as he did in 1992.

The one auspicious note was that Levy promised that if the unnamed Netanyahu changes his ways and a satisfactory agreement is reached and they are forced to work together, he "will even shake his hand."

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Court to Treasury: Increase payments to Nazi victims

EVELYN GORDON

rect the disparity between the Treasury's payments and what survivors who are paid by Germany directly receive.

The discrepancy resulted from the 1952 reparations agreement with Germany, in which Israel received a lump sum in exchange for a promise that no survivors living in Israel as of October 31, 1953 would sue Germany for compensation.

We think [the reconsideration] Survivors who arrived after that will take too long," explained date could sue Germany directly, Chava Roth, a former Yad Vashem however, and those who did so employee who has been involved often received three times as with the petition. "This is a long much as those paid by the process, and there are elections in Treasury the middle ... I very much fear that

The Treasury had argued that the law did not permit it to raise

However, Shohat also said Nazi victims get the same payments as terror victims and IDF wounded, and he would not raise the amount any further even if he could. "Since its founding, Israel has been faced with many challenges in various fields, and it provides

services and assistance for its citizens and residents according to its financial ability." he wrote in his response to the court.

> request, even not retroactively, would place an extremely great (Continued on Page 2)

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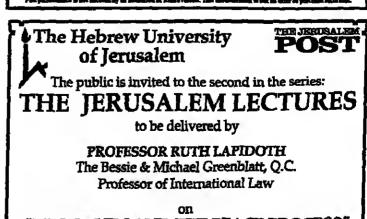
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he said angrily, noting that his current payment is about NIS 560 a month, compared with about NIS 1.600 for someone paid directly by Germany. The petition, by MK Avraham Herschson (Likud) and four survivors, bad asked the court to cor-

NEWS

The Jerusalem Post Friday, March 1, 1996

FBI assists in terror probe

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

THE Justice Department confirmed yesterday that FBI agents and specialists have been dispatched to Israel to assist in the investigation of the bus bomhing and auto deaths earlier this week.

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The team was sent "to assist the Israeli authorities. We have, since there were two Americans killed [in the Jerusalem bus blast], jurisdiction but of course we have to pay homage to the host country," said a Department spokesman, John Russell.

The US has already sent a team from the Federal Bureau of Investigations "that is either oo the way or has left but has not yet arrived" in Israel, Russell said.

He said they will investigate the circumstances of the bombing that killed Matthew Eiseofeld and Sarah Duker, and of the killing of Ahmed Abdul-Hamid Hamideh after his reotal car plowed into Jeruaalem pedestrians and killed one Israeli. Hamideh, who lived in Los Angeles, was shot to death by bystanders after the collision.

The FBI team likely includes supervisory agents, crime scene technicians and bomb experts, a Justice Department source said.

The US has also sent its Athens embassy's legal attache to assist in the investigation, Russell said, defining the "leg-att" position as

ployee at the Athens emhassy said the agent is John Guido. A State Department official said the dispatching of the offifive years ago. cials to investigate the hus attack was made under the US's 1986 "long-arm statute" that mandates

was released on bail. US trials of suspects involved in Detectives also searched his the killing or harming of Amerihome. cans in terrorist attacks abroad.

The law was enacted in the aftermath of the Achille Lauro hijacking in which Palestinian terrorists killed Leon Klinghoffer of New York.

The fate of this year's Pre-Eur-

ovision Song Contest was in some

donbt as Israel Televisioo re-

ceived scores of requests to post-

pone it until after the week of

mourning for Sunday's terror vic-

tims. On Wednesday, ITV head

Yair Stern decided the show must

studio broadeast earried inter-

views with some of the victims in

what they said?

YEDIOT Aharonot's recently appointed oews editor Eitan Amit was questioned yesterday by police aboot allegations that he meaning an FBI agent. An cmblackmailed a former police officer into giving him classified informatioo oo an investigation

against MK Avner Shaki some Amit, former sports editor who replaced Ruth Beo-Ari recently,

However, a police source said

US pressured Damascus to condemn bombings

IT took American pressure on he said. the Syrians to elicit Wednesday's Syria Times editorial condemning Sunday's terror bombings, an Israelt official said yesterday. "Do you think the Syrians, voluotarily, would put in English

"There were intensive American contacts since the attacks,"

he said. He said it was not Israel's poli-try to request the Americans ic induce Syrian condemnation of the start of the opening session of such incideots, and that Jerusa the start of the opening session of the resumed talks in Maryland that afternoon, Syrian Ambassa-Maid Muslem "condemned lem had not done so in this case. Eran Etzion – an tide to For- dot Walid Mualem "condemned eign Ministry Director-General the attack and referred to the ar-Uri Savir – called Israeli report-

ers late Wednesdate to say that at preace is the best answer to those

who deal in violence." But the Israeli official said he is "not certain that Syria coodemned it."

He indicated that Ambassador. Itamar Rahinovich helieves merely that Mualem's words are "worthy of attention."

"He said something that maybe could be understood as ex-

pressing sorrow," the official said, but stopped short of stating that Savir was incorrectly interpreting the declaration.

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The orgotiations oo security arrangements contioued yesterday and are to recess this afternoon.

They will resume Monday through Wednesday.

'Yediot' news editor, questioned about alleged blackmail

ested he offered to "cooperate"

that the former officer, Danny Weig, who filed the complaint weig, who interaction in only six or sever the unreliable. Weig was out to the the ing the allegations and receiving the necessary authorizations." Iowing allegation to the former and the necessary authorizations." But another tentions into a first the police, Weig became a private iovestigator, that just because Weig was "un- and was arrested about seven

reliable on other matters, it months ago on allegations of doesn't mean to say this comfraud and other offenses. plaint is not justified It is not clear whether he filed his complaint against Amit at the same time, but when he was ar-

this affair for some six months and do not go after senior re-

RAINE MARCUS and BILL HUTMAN

Weig's complaiot stated that Amit threatened that unless he nalists without carefully examingave him the Shaki report, he would disclose in Yediot that Weig was caught in a brothel.

According to police, Weig gave Amit the report and the brothel incident was not mentioned.

Amit, said the police spokesman, also allegedly received other payoffs from Weig.

Detectives only got word of the incideot several mooths ago, when making inquiries about another case, he said.

The case was handled with sensitivity to the work of the media and the rights of journalists to use sources, the statement said.

The State Attorney's Office gave the go-ahead to queatio Amit

In the past, Internal Securit Minister Moshe Shahal atressed that any allegations of criminal offenses against journalists would be strictly reviewed hy both him and the police inspector-general prior to launching investigations.

Three held in alleged scam involving defense supplus

RAINE MARCUS

THREE men, including two former LAF officers, sospected of fraudulently obtaining and selling surplus Defense Ministry supplies abroad without the necessary authorization were remanded for 11 days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's

Court yesterday. go on - mainly because of the Udi Arazi, the owner of the technical and logistical problems Ra'anana-based Tagar company, involved in rescheduling a show which sells surplus military and with 12 competing singers and IAF eqoipment abroad; Moshe groups, filler acts, and seven pan-Landau, in Charge of the compaels of 21 judges around the counny's logistics and technical department; and Zvi Leshem are As a compromise, at the outset suspected of accepting and giving of the broadcast, Leventhal exbribes, fraud, breach of trust, plained the decision to carry on theft, and conspiracy to commit with the cootest "to show Hamas we won't stop singing." A mobile

Landan formerly served in the IAE, while Leshem is a lieuteoant-general (res.) in the force and was in charge of selling military

equipment. After the pol from the IAF, Lesher and ployed by the Defense Ministry director of Acrosoft smel, wh

which cost the minister millions of dollars "Most of the companies" em



From left: Udi Arazi, Moshe Landau and Zvi Leshem

officers, are involved in the maswho abused their knowledge of sive scam. Police are interrogating eivilians, while the military police and the Defense Ministry are investigating military personnel. Arazi, together with Leshem and Landau, defrauded the country out of more than \$3 million, police told the court. Police suspect that while Leshem was em-

mer IAF and Defense Ministry

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Likud's distrial state and about said it was "theatrics, lacking sincerity; and responsibility. Two the dire need to taise morale. I years ago, when the man apolotold him that we were a party on gized, 1 said 1 will judge him by his actions. I want nothing past, and of what we cannot and personally." shall not forget, I told him I had

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ployed hy the Defense Ministry

he enabled Landau and Arazi to

purchase surplus military equip-

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be sold abroad without the coo-

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Levy stressed that "Gesher is not considering a merger with the Likud and will retain its indepen-

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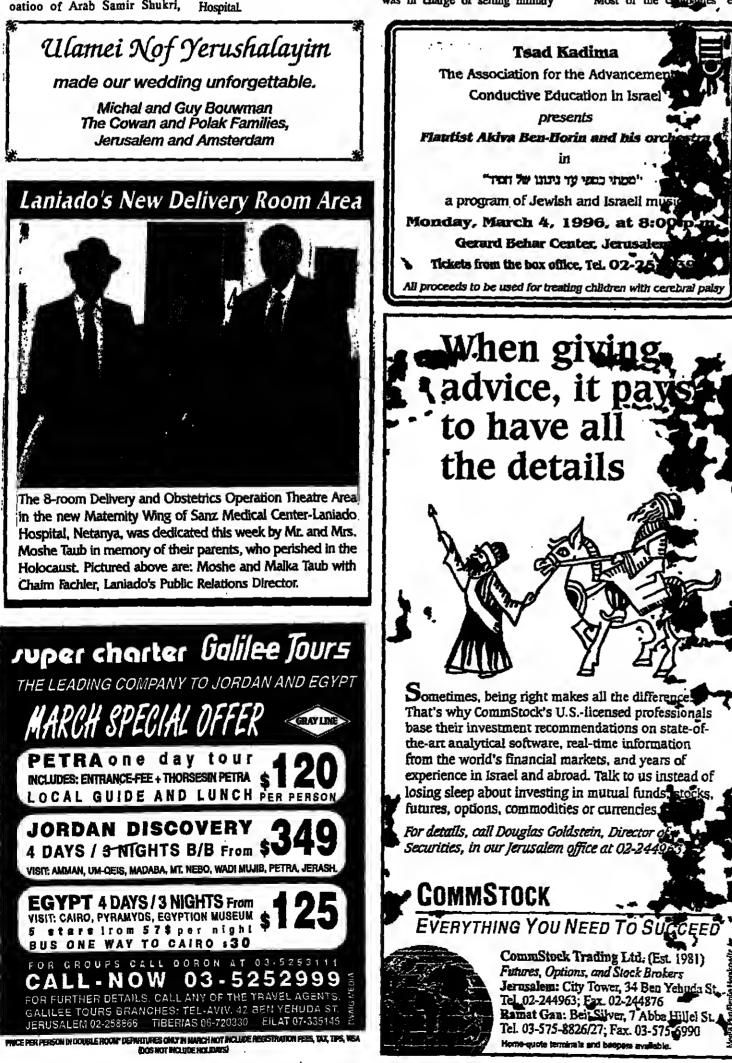
black back-up band.

(Continued from Page 1) to suspect the microphone wires were carrying electrical charges. Their motto for the eveoing: "Take it easy, it's only the Pre-E '

Mann's costumes were better than her jokes. But the comedy routines between entrants were the best part of the show. Perhaps the true winners were comedienne Mikki Kamm, who gently mocked every ethnic group in the country, and the drag act Bnot Pessia.

This year's gimmick entry was the Hassidie-fuok daoce group Off Simches from Bnei Brak with a song "Oy, Oy, Oy."

Other hopefuls were politically correct ensembles like Navi Shalom - five singers including a bloode and an Ethiopian immigrant - and the hyper PC combi-Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek oatioo of Arab Samir Shukri,



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Tagar. Police said offenses were first committed about framewars ico, and the prohe was initially launched undercover to the al-tary police some the al-before the National and and was 'recently human me and

picture. National Fraud Squad Chief Cmdr. Yerahmie Jalperin said more arrests are expected and that additional companies are in-volved in the massive frond,

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ployees are former IAF officers

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He refused to go into further details, but sources said a total of three companies, employing for-

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department Police are still investigatiog

how, the equipment was transferred ahroad without the required authorization, and if other officials were involved. Police are also investigating the case in the US and other countries.

Sources said some equipment was shipped to countries which have no formal ties with Israel.

All three suspects denied the allegations and said they were willing to undergo polygraph tests.

to meet him face to face, Levy

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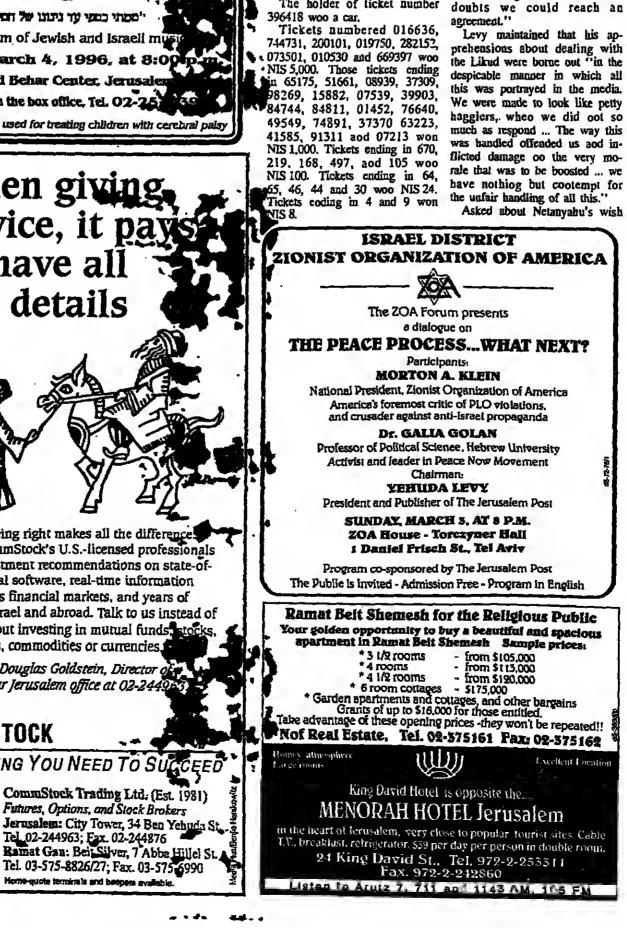
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dence, even if a link with the Likud is formed. The basis will have to be how to best further Gesher's ideological goals." He said he wants oothing for himself and did not ask for Foreign Ministry io a possible Netanyahu governmeot Sharoo confirmed that "the

subject of portfolios or the number of slots on the list had not been raised by Levy. He only wanted what Tsomet got."

Sharon was optimistic and thought "it is now possible to move oo to the next phase. I want to thank Tsomet leader Rafaci Eitan for his flexibility which made all this possible. I am sure we can form a three-way slignment and than expand it with a fourth partner."

VICTIMS (Continued from Page 1)

financial hurden on the state's coffers, and would certainly come at the expense of other needs, which are also important."

However, Justices Shlomo Levice, Gavriel Bach and Dalla Dorner rejected this argument completely.

Wheo the governmeot signed the reparations agreement, they said, it took away one of the survivors' fuodameotal property rights: The right to sue Germany.

The survivors therefore deserve compensation for this lost right, just as land-owners deserve compensation if their property is expropriated, the justices said.

"The individual has a right to receive suitable compensation for the damage dooe, and the claim that the obligation to pay compeosatioo imposes a financial burdeo on the government cannot stand [against this right]," Levine wrote.

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Peres: We must hold Arafat accountable ON LEVY

The Jerusalem Post

""WE have no choice but to hold Yasser Arafat accouotable for what takes place in the territories under his control," Prime Minister Shimon Peres told viaiting Hungarian Defense Mioister Gyorgi Keleti yesterday.

'We don't want to break him, but to make it clear to him that if things continue as they are now, he himself is liable to fall victim [to the terrorists].

'We don't expect Arafat to serve the State of Israel. All we ask is that he exercise his authority for security in the areas he controls. We want him to do in Gaza what the Jordanian government does in Amman, and that there won't be two armed forces within the same jurisdiction,' Peres said.

Peres also said Israel has done more for the Palestinians than any other country, certainly more than the Arab states.

He briefed Keleti on the situation in the region, saying the peace process will take time, and has long been opposed by extremists. But, he added, he hopes praying by the roadside. the Arab-Israeli conflict will be kelon, was convicted of the preresolved by the year 2000.

Keleti thanked Peres for the warm reception be has received bere, and hoped for a closer defense relationship between the kill Salmiye to avenge the death of his brother, a border policetwo countries. He expressed the condolences of the Hungarian man who was hit by an Arab car people and government for the three terror attacks this week.

Leftists, haredim nearly clash at bombing site

POLICE and border policemen yesterday prevented a violent clash betweeo haredim and leftwing activists at the square near this week's Jerusalem . bas bombing.

The Labor Party Youth came to the site to hold a vigil in hooor of the victims. Shortly after they arrived, hundreds of haredim began gathering, and lond quarrels began. As a brawl was about to begin, security forces stepped in

and separated the two sides. The haredim claimed the La-



الكذامن التحمل

Workers from Abn Gosh put the finishing touches on Yitzhak Rabin's tombstone, which will be unveiled today on what would have been his 74th birthday. The ceremony, to begin at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Herzi cemetery, will be attended by the president, prime minister, cabinet members, chief of general staff, and members of the diplomatic corps. (Ariet Jerozolimski)

Dan Morali gets life for murder of Palestinian

DANIEL Morali, 44, was senslopped by the roadside and Saltence to life imprisonment yestermiye standing beside it. He made day by Beersheba District Court a U-turn and drove back and shot for the March 1994 murder of a Salmiye, who managed to live Palestinian truck driver who-was long enough to report his assailant's license plate number.

Morali gave several versions of the cause of the murder. In one, he said fired at Salmiye because miye, 35, from Kafr Ina, oear he thought be was about to commit an act of terrorism. He said Morali apparently decided to Salmiye "made a strange, sudden movement with his hands and

was calling out in Arabic." The court concluded, bowever, that Salmiye was merely praying. A osychiatrist called by Mora-After the conviction, Morali said the court was making him a li's defense testified that Morali

scapegoat because of the change was in a state of "pathological in public atmosphere after the grief" at the time of the murder, Rabin assassination. According because his brother had been to testimony at his trial, Morali killed a year earlier. was driving along the Kiryat Gat-The three judges rejected that

Hebron road when he saw a truck argument. (Itim)

The IDF, he said, has great

resources and its oeeds will de-

crease. These resources should

therefore be transferred to the

Hefetz added that the police is

Hefetz: Police need IDF resources

RESOURCES must he traos- army tasks are being moved over ferred from the IDF to the police to the police. to heef up security along the Green Line and in Jerusalem, Inspector-Geoeral Assaf Hefetz said vesterday.

In December, Morali, of Ash-

meditated murder of Riad Sal-

Hehmon.

in Hebron.

police. Hefetz, speaking at the National Defease College; said the peace process and diplomatic preparing measures to secure the agreements occessitate beefing npcoming primaries and

Tibi rejects crackdown on Hamas as political entity

DAVID RUDGE

THE Palestinian Authority must tinian economy by causing the deal immediately with radical Isclosure of the territories, said lamic terrorists whose actions Tibi.

He maintained, however, that this form of "collective punishment" is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to Israel's interest, because it increases tension and pushes people into extremism.

"These armed groups are killing innocent people, violating the Palestinian law and damaging the highest interests of the Palestinians," he said. "They must be dealt with according to Palestinian law, but not like some Israelis are saying by elimination.

"Anybody who violates the law must be arrested and brought to trial as sooo as possible. It should be noted, however, that those responsible for the bus attacks came from an area under Israeli" control, Hebron, and oot from the PA areas.

Hamas claims Sunday's attacks

show a division of opinion in Ha-

mas over both the ntility of Sun-

day's massacre and future politi-

cal strategy. The Palestinian Authority dis-

tributed a leaflet by Izzadin Kas-

sam, which some claim the PA

dictated, denying responsibility,

but it has been arresting Hamas

activists and has ordered all unlicensed weapons to be handed in

by today, after which it will raid

places where its suspects unli-

It is the second time guns have

been called in during the past

year, both after Israel demanded

the measure following bombing

In Fawwar, Reuters reported

joy among relatives and many

others in the camp of 5,000 when

the Hamas leaflet confirmed the

"martyrdom" of Sarabna and

"We are not accepting condo-

attacka. The first attempt waa

censed arms are hidden.

largely unsuccessful.

JON IMMANUEL

HAMAS yesterday issued a leaflet confirming responsibility for the Jerusalem and Ashkelon attacks and identified Ibrahim Sarahna, 25, and Majdi Abu Wadeh, 19, both of the Fawwar refugee camp, near Hebron, as the

perpetrators. The two families, meanwhile, welcomed guests to celebrate their "martyrdom."

The leaffet, issued in Hebron after the names of the suspected suicide bombers had already been released, appeared genuine and said that the "jihad will continue until the occupation is removed from every bit of Palestine." It contradicted other leaflets by Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, which denied responsibility, and by "The Cell of the Martyr Yihye Ayyash," which claimed responsibility but offered a "historic position," if Israel stopped pursuing Hanias and released Hamas pris-

ODCTS. lences, we are accepting congrat-If the Hebron leaflet is genuulations," said signs hanging in ine, the other leaflets are fake or their homes.

Closure eased for Gaza goods

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

ISRAEL allowed goods in yesterday from the Gaza Strip, after imposing a closure on the territories following Sunday's suicide bombings, Palestinian and Israeli officials said. In another development, Fi-

nance Minister Avraham Shohat ordered the VAT Authority to deduct NIS 3.5 million from the sums owed to the Palestinian Authority in order to pay for the . PA's water bill.

The PA was warned to pay Mekorot for the use of water by West Baok resideots. The PA also owes money to Bezek and

Hadassah The army announced yesterday il was letting goods in "back-tohack" - taking them off Palestinian trucks on one side of the border and loading them on Israeli trucks on the other side.

"The hack-to-back exchange of goods at Karni is going on," a Palestinian officer at Karni checkpoint between Israel and Gaza said. "Essential goods are being bronght into Gaza, and Palestinian agricultural products are leaving to Israel and the West

the Palestinian people are paying a heavy price." They are endangering the proposed redeployment, agreements reached betweeo Israel and the

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med Tibi, an adviser to PA

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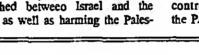
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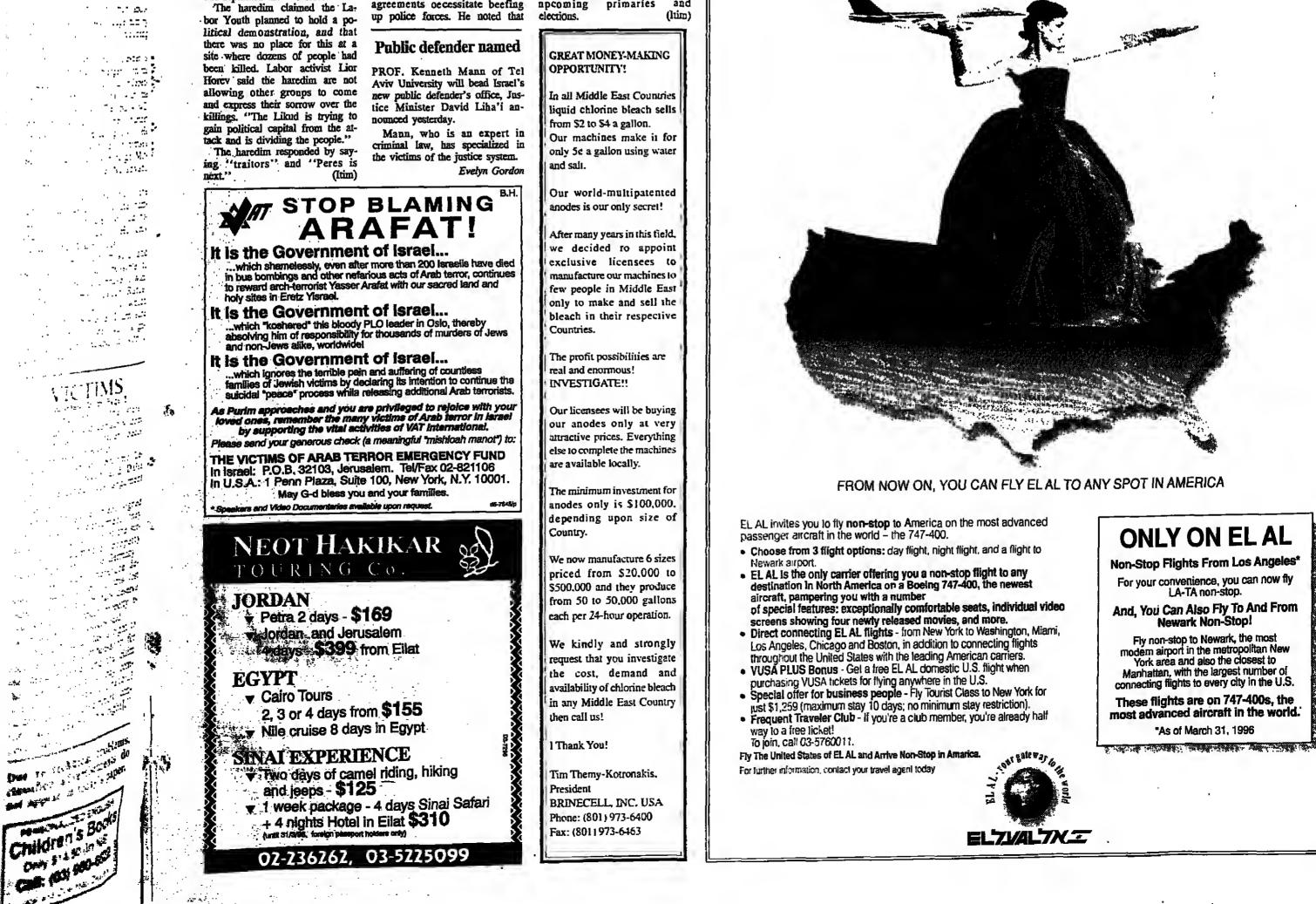


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Hamas, which is a popular movement representing 25 percent of the Palestinian people, and those armed units which use terror," "The PA has to deal with these units with more determination than in the past. We are talking

Bank.'

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OPINION

MEIR RONNEN @ %

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A sorry spectacle

T is hardly a secret that the assassination of he can't refuse. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had a dramat-Lic impact on the popularity of the Likud. Reacting in a way psychologists can explain far better than political observers, the public identified those who opposed Rabin's policies with his killer. With the elections advanced by five months, the Likud obviously felt it could credibly challenge the Labor governmeot only by uniting all parties opposed to the Oslo process.

It is a pity that it took this turn of events to prompt unity moves. Israeli political parties should have overcome petty differences and coalesced into two or three blocs long ago. But that the crisis resulted in a unity drive is nevertheless encouraging. The motive in this case is less important than the result.

The first move to unity was the incorporation of Tsomet into the Likud's Knesset list. Many in the Likud bave complained that the merger was too costly for Likud candidates, who were pushed down on the list of "realistic" seats. But most recognized that unity would be rewarded at the ballot box, and that it offered the only prospect of victory.

The second attempt at unity was made only this week. Likud MK Ariel Sharon initiated contacts with MK David Levy, who had bolted the Likud to form his own Gesber Party. After arduous negotiations, Levy appeared yesterday to reject the Likud offer. But a last-minute concession by the Likud and Tsomet seemed to change his mind. Chances are that it is an offer

What is wrong with this particular merger is not that Levy's followers will get seven virtually assured seats in the Knesset instead of the three or four they could have gotteo as an independent party. Nor is the move faulty because Levy, despite all his grandstanding protestations of integrity, may bolt the new alliance if it loses the election.

What Levy proved last night is that he has forgotten nothing and learned nothing. He is just as pompous, petulant, petty, and ludicrous as he bas ever been. He is incapable of thinking either of the good of the country or the direction it should take. The only thing that animates him is his burning personal ambition and a compulsive passioo to undermine Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu.

The very fact that he has demanded the foreign ministry if the Likud forms the next government belies his claim to champion the 'have-oots." Had he really intended to help the poor and the weak, be would have sought such ministries as bousing or finance.

In what promises to be a close election, it may be necessary for Netanyahu to try to attract every vote. But if be is to maintain any kind of credibility as a potential prime minister, he must continue to avoid making commitments on government portfolios. To his credit, be has not made such commitments to Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan. He must make no exception for David Levy.

Buchanan and Oslo

DRESIDENTIAL contender Pat Buchanau has good reason to be happy about the latest Republican primary results. After winning in New Hampshire, he finished a respectable third in the Arizona race, behind stumbling "frontrunner" Sen. Robert Dole, who in turn trailed political newcomer Steve Forbes. He also came in second to Dole in South Dakota, a state viewed as Dole's indisputable territory. For a candidate initially considered no more than a fringe phenomenon, Buchanan has turned in a stunning performance. That he has spent relatively little on the campaign makes his sbowing close to incredible.

This does not mean that he has a ghost of a chance of being nominated as the Republican candidate for the presidency. It is even doubtful that he will garner enough delegates to the Republican convention to become a candidate for the vice presidency. But unless his fortunes suddenly turn sour - which is unlikely in the absence of a charismatic contender in the current Republican crop - he will be a force to be reckoned with. Buchanan draws bigots, antisemites, and xeoophobes to his flag. But it would be a mistake to view him only as the American versioo of Le Pen or Zhirinovsky. While his French and Russian counterparts are unlikely to enlarge their popular support unless their countries are afflicted with a major economic crisis, Bucbanan may develop broader appeal. The historic trend he is riding is uniquely American. Known as isolationism, it can only exist in a country as powerful, rich, productive, and self-sufficient as the US. It was unfashionable as long as another superpower posed a global threat which forced America to form alliances in Europe and Asia. But with the threat removed by the collapse of the Soviet Union, the return to "fortress America" may seem an enticing proposition to a large segment of the electorate. Not surprisingly, such a trend jibes with the idea that the country's gates should be closed to immigrants, particularly those who do oot happen to be white. That such a vision of America is oeither

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, -- On January 28, you ran an article, "Hutzpa!" hy Larry

Derfner, about a speech that A.B.

Yehoshua gave to the World Jewish

Congress's Global Assembly in Je-

rusalem. He told the assembly, "We

Larry Derfner agrees with Mr.

Yehoshua, They both believe that

Israel is strong enough financially,

so while it appreciates what the Di-

aspora Jews have done for Israel m

the past, no more help is needed. He

Western world are falling all over

each other to pat us on the back and

help us out with the peace process.

The only thing American Jews had

to do with the peace process is that a

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He says the World Jewish Con-

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handle this criticism. They respond-

ed to A.B. Yehoshua's speech with

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Yehoshua and Larry Derfner are not

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speeches and writing articles like

that, they are discouraging many

American Jews from exerting their

influence and giving their money to

"The governments of the

don't need you anymore."

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novels.¹

economically viable nor humane is very much beside the point. The fact is that a growing number of Americans are willing to vote for a demagogue who promotes it. And in a country where the government is almost obsessively responsive to the electorate's mood, it will be impossible to ignore them, regardless of who is elected to the presidency.

The ramifications of these developments for Israel are clear. A populist, an isolationist, and an America firster in the worst sense of these appellations, Buchanan wants a halt to foreign aid and the end of American military presence abroad. To expect his followers to support international guarantees of any kind, let alone interventions which risk American lives, is totally unrealistic. Even more moderate Americans now oppose military involvement except in defense of what are clearly American interests.

The trial balloon that burst

MOSHE ZAK

HIMON Peres was over-Joyed when an Arabic translation of his book The New Middle East was published in Egypt. What his aides didn't tell him was that the Egyptian publisher bad added an introduction in which he said that the purpose of the publication was to reveal Israel's strategy to dominate the region.

Something similar happened to Yossi Beilin with the document he presented to Ahu Mazen concerning the permanent-status agreement. While the document caused a great stir, there is no Palestinian consent to preserving the unity of Jerusalem under full Israeli rule. On the contrary, the plan left the Old City, which is the heart of the problem, for discussion at a later stage.

The dramatic presentation of the Israeli plan, supposedly acceptable to the Palestinians. came when it appeared that Yasser Arafat had succeeded in imposing his authority on all the Palestinian organizations, prevailing on them to give up terrorism uotil after the Israell elections.

Altbongh less spectacular attacks had not ceased, for seven months there had been no suicide bombings which caused massive casualties, the kind of attack that shocks the Israeli public. (Two suicide car bombs exploded in the Israeli-controlled part of the Gaza District just before the Rabin assassination, but no Israeli

measure the Israeli public needs. This apparent tranquillity was THE PUBLIC also should not be designed to show Israelis that there is a partner and an agenda for discussions on a permanent

deceived by tales of the possibility of Israeli-Palestinian agreement on Jerusalem. In the long run, these stories are liable to crode the Israeli consensus on a But Sunday's bus bombings in united Jerusalem.

Jerusalem and Asbkelon upset Confused formulations cannot the plan to present the PLO as turn a partition plan into a plan

The PLO will never go along with a united Jerusalem under Israeli rule

tified Israel that it had reached an agreement with the Hamas leaders in Gaza on a temporary cessation of violence if Israel stopped its war against Hamas. On this basis, the closure of the territories was lifted on Friday morning. But Sunday's bombings clarified the real meaning of the agreement.

agreement, iocluding the com-

plex problem of Jerusalem.

Israel's strategic partner.

deaths resulted.)

The agreement provided that the Hamas leadership in Gaza would not admit responsibility for any brutal attack on Israelis, which would enable Arafat to deny Gaza residents are involved in terror. The agreement also allowed Arafat to submit to foreign diplomats the absurd notion of collusion between Arab and Israeli extremists. This is far from the type of confidence-building

mum of two Knesset terms as rep-

resentatives of the kibbutz

This time it is the turn of Hag-

gai Merom. Is chairmanship of

the Knesset Foreign Affairs and

Detense Committee enough of a

political springboard to enable

Merom to vault from kibbutz to

national representation? Years

ago that question wouldn't make

the political activity of kibbutz

leadership was directed to nation-

YESTERDAY'S pioneer is to-

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discussion before kibbutz mem-

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al goals.

On Thursday night, the PA no- for the preservation of uoity. Abu Ala, the Oslo negotiator, explained this week that a united Jerusalem does not exclude Palestinian sovereignty in the city. Everything depends on interpretation.

Abu Mazeo cannot possibly agree to the Israeli formula of a united Jerusalem "eternally under Israeli rule." He judged this to be an opening position, and he is familiar with the speed with which Israelis retreat from their opening positions in negotiations. One of the clauses in the plan presented to Abu Mazen, which grants the "right of return" to refugees in the context of family unification within Israel, also represents an erosion of Israel's traditional position.

Most important, by agreeing to comments on current affairs.

Palestinian state a priori, Israel is forfeiting an important bargaining card without getting anything in return.

The statement that Peres has conditioned agreement to a Palestinian state on Jordan's approval is an embarrassment to King Hussein. For internal Arab reasons, be will be forced to deny that he objects to a Palestinian state, just as in talks with Arafat be denied that be objects to the deployment of Palestinian police on the Jordan River.

"Whom do you believe, Peres or me?" Hussein asked, when Arafat told him he had heard of the king's opposition to such a deployment from Peres.

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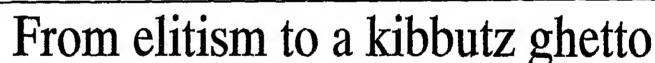
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Hussein would like to see a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation, but he wants to be the one who grants the Palestinians a state, not the Americans or Israelis. He also wants to avoid being confrooted by a demand from Arafat for rotation as leader of the confederation. This demand is what made Husseio suspeod the agreement he signed with the PLO in 1986.

The Oslo team's plan for the permaneot agreement cannot even serve as a basis for negotiations. Its disclosure was intended as a trial balloon, meant to fool the public into believing it is possible to reach a permanent agreement with the PLO, That balloon burst on Jaffa Road in Jerusalem. The writer, a veteran journalist,



Yet the whole structure of the Oslo agreements depends on American financial, political, and moral support for the process. Only the US can muster the support of other industrial countries for the huge investment, the regional Marshall Plan envisioned by Prime Minister Shimoo Peres.

The agreement with Syria, too, hinges on the amount of political, economic, and moral investment the US is willing to make to entice Damascus into a White House signing ceremony. In the short run, the Buchanan phenomenon may actually help President Bill Clinton to win a second term: It is still far easier to run against a party which can be painted with the brush of extremism than against plain conservatives. And Clinton's reelection will undoubtedly bolster Israeli-American cooperation.

But what will happen four years bence is anybody's guess. Whether Buchanan himself or a slightly more palatable candidate, with less negative baggage, will then capture the imagination of the American voter is less relevant than the fact that isolationism is again becoming a significant force in American politics. It makes the notion that Israel can put its trust in a regional Pax Americana seem a sbort-sighted, unacceptable gamble with the natioo's future.

If the American Jews were to take

Larry Derfner's and A.B. Yeho-

shua's advice, two things would

happen: first, the Israeli Jews will

have substantially less money to

spend on themselves and their fam-

ilies; and second, and more impor-

tantly, it would greatly affect Isra-

el's security. Israel, even with its

ongoing peace process, is very vul-

nerable to an Arab surprise attack. It

could come from Iran, Iraq, Syria, or

even from within Israel. The Arab

leaders would think twice before

sending their missiles to hit major

Israeli cities because they would be

afraid of what the reaction of the US

would be.

Chelm.

HOULD the kibbutz movement be a "district" within Uthe Labor Party? In organizational terms, this means that it is a separate sector, like the Arabs.

At a time of increasing economic and social integration with its surroundiogs, does political ghettoization of the kibbutz make sense? Under the primary system, candidates for Labor's Knesset list are chosen partly by the entire party membership and partly by the various "districts" into which that membership is divided. The districts are geographical, with membership depending on place of residence, but Arabs, the moshavim, and the kibbutzim are exceptions. They are separate sectoral districts.

This system has one significant payoff: It guarantees the kibbutz movement two safe seats on the Labor list. If this was all that was involved, it would he possible to reserve two safe slots for kibbutz members, just as representation is assured for women or new immigrants. However, much more than just representation is involved.

The organizatiooal setup is grounded in the pioneering ethos day's sucker. As a political aniof the settlement movements in the Labor Party and in Israeli terms, the kihhutz movement society as a whole. Since this connow operates as a pressure group ception flies in the face of changto advance its own interests. Curing realities, it has become a rent issues center around the kibbutz debt bailout, property rights myth. Yesterday's elitism has become today's self-ghettoization.

The separate kibbutz district in the Labor party may provide kibbutz candidates with a convenient way into the Knesset, but it may

POSTSCRIPTS

People like Larry Derfner and A TELEVISION commercial has A.B. Yehoshua help to dispel the been withdrawn from broadcast after viewers complained it satirized the 1963 assassination of US

> The commercial was for an anti-cattle parasite chemical, sold by Agvet, a New Zealand subsidiary of United States agricultural chemical company Merck, Sharp and Dohme.

A masked figure is seen loading a gun in barn labeled the "Hay Bale Depository," apparently based on the Texas School Book Depository from where

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

also be a political dead end. In bers with four of the contestants 1992, Ya'acov Tzur and Avraham for the kibbutz district seat Me-Katz-Oz both failed to make the rom is vacating, no national issue jump to the national party list, was even mentioned. after serving the agreed maxi-

Elie Goldschmidt, currently chairman of the Knesset House Committee, is unopposed for reelection. In another four years, he will be in Merom's shoes and will have to take his chances on making the move to the national list.

One of the candidates in the panel discussion made an interesting promise: He would so exclusively devote himself to kibbutz bread-aod-butter coocerns

Yesterday's pioneers have become today's pressure group

that he would free Goldschmidt The pioneering role of the kibbutz meant national leadersbip. The concerns of kibbutz memnational issues. bers were national concerns, and

pressure group under siege. Because of the current siege mentality, the political self-segregation is self-reinforcing. Narrow group concerns translate into parochial limitations in the quality of the emerging kibbutz leadership.

In the pioneering days, kibbutz leaders had little formal education, but broad intellectual horizons. The trend is now in the opposite direction. The next generation of kibbutz leadership will have more formal education and narrower intellectual horizons. Both Merom and Goldschmidt

The writer is a legal and politi-

to devote the next four years to Politically, the kibbutz is a

ceptions are the weaker candidates. Ze'ev Shore, currently chairman of the Jordan Valley Regional Council, with training in social work, has a record of impressive achievement in promoting cultural activities and higher education. He bas also carried out a far-reaching administrative reform of the local school system.

teacher of literature and language with a background of activity in yourb and education in the framework of the Histadrut, is the best educated of the current

In the panel discussion, the candidates were asked what they regarded as the source of their authority as future Knesset members. The three male candidates vied with ooe another in proclaiming they would faithfully obey the instructions of the kibbutz movement or of the membership. Botansky said she would obey ber own conscience.

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Israel, close to \$3,000 a year to

every Israeli family, and of course,

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Mr. Derfner calls "Diaspora Jewish

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make five or 10 times as much mon-

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making now, but they are doing it

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admire what Israeli Jews have

I myself have been a supporter of

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Retirees (ROAR) volunteer groups. We appreciate all that you have DEBORAH AMSTER

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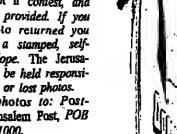
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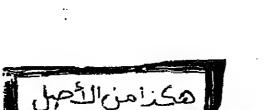
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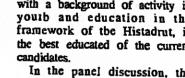
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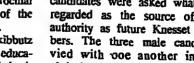
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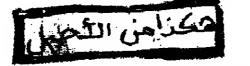
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OPINION

Harsh facts of life

YOSEF GOELL

WIS week's renewed spate of Palestinian terrorist outrages against Israeli civilians came within two days of the barbarous slaughter of the returning Iraqi defectors and their

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families by Saddam Hussein. At first there seems little connection between the events in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, in which 25 civilians were slaughtered hy two young Palestinian suicide bombers, and Saddam Hussein's butchery in Iraq.

But there is a common denominator - Arab public opinion's apparent acceptance of such brutalities as a social norm.

Following the Jerusalem bus bomhing, Israel TV showed Yasser Arafat saying in English that this was no heroic military operatinn, hnt terrorism plain and aimple. By Arafat's standards this constituted a major new departure, and it undoubtedly took great political daring.

But before we rush to greet the onset of millenial peace and brotherly love, let us recall that the same Arafat continues to refer to the perpetrators of such suicide bombings as shaheedun -

martyrs - and to tolerate and even foster popular adulation for them throughout the Palestinian Authority he rules. Much more telling than Ara-

fat's speaking out of both sides of his month, however, is the fact that no other public Palestinian figures - intellectuals, writers, poets, Western-educated academics or religious leaders - have unequivocally condemned the resort to fighting by the use of human bombs. Nor has any member of the suicide bombers' families bemoaned the waste of the young

killers' own lives. I would like to go on record as stating my conviction that even during these recent bloody years, the overwhelming majority of Palestinians or Arabs have never killed or tortured another human being. But Arab society and accepted social norms are another matter.

And it's not merely a matter of implacable Palestinian or Arab hatred for Jews and Israelis, the

"satanic enemy." The same kind of brutality marks relationsbips among Arabs themselves.

In many cases, Arabs have behaved more cruelly toward their own people - as in torture, and dismemberment before killing than to Jews.

One does not need a profound historical memory to recall that during the eight years of the inti-fada, young Palestinian "freedom fighters" murdered and brutally tortared many more of their fellow Palestinians than were killed by the Israeli forces.

When we look across our borders to Egypt, Syria, Lehanon, Libya and Algeria - to mention

Israeli policy makers have ignored

> the brutality that is inherent in Arab society

only a few of our neighbors - we see the same intrinsic brutality in their societies. Within Israel, we continue to witness the ritual murder of Israeli Arab women by their closest male kinfolk on the merest suspicion of sexnal impropriety.

It is instructive to note that B'tselem, the self-appointed leftist Israeli monitor of civil rights violations by Israeli authorities in the territories, is today in crisis as regards continuing its operations - for the reason that the Palestinian Authority will simply not tolerate such do-gooder meddling on its turf.

BRUTAL1TY as an inherent part of Arab society is a fact of life which has been intentionally or inadvertently ignored hy Israepolicy makers in the two-and-ahalf years of the Oslo process. But it is a fact that puts a seri-

ous limit on what we can expect from our Palestinian neighbors. Prime Minister Peres, driven

Fatalism mixed with fear

by the eportnity of this week's outrages and hy their implication for his chances in the forthcoming elections, will most likely take heroic steps to impress upon Arafat the need to fight continuing terrorism in the territories which have been given over to his control.

Arafat can do more in this respect. Of that there is no doubt. But our estimation of how much he can and will be ready to do stems from the wrong perception that wa are involved in a historic conciliation process between two erstwhile enemy peoples.

All the indications of the past twn-and-a-half years are that nothing could be further from the truth.

Arafat leads a significant element of Palestinian pragmatists who are ont to get as much as they can from an infinitely stronger Israel. He is opposed by romantics and radicals who consider it horrendous to permit such "dishnnarable" pragmatism to overshadow their continuing hostility to Israel - and these opponents enjoy widespread public support. Both pragmatists and radicals

continue to share that deep hatred nf Israel. For example, since Oslo not one official Palestinian spokesman has justified the existence of the State of Israel, even though they might bow to the hitter reality. Where the pragmatists and radicals differ is how they express that hatred in dayto-day life.

Israel can reap advantages from the emergence of Arafatian pragmatism. But it would be suicidal for us to misinterpret such self-serving pragmatism as a Palestinian commitment to conciliation and peaceful relations.

It is that wrong perception - as in the mistaken decision to lift the closure on the territories last week - that has hlinded so many in the Labor government and led them to place greater emphasis on the Palestinians' economic needs than on Israelis' very basic need for personal security.

The writer comments on public affairs.



A people that can live together

FTER the bus bomhing Ain Jerusalem on Sunday, I visited many of the people who had been injured, including those in intensive care in the hospitals. Sitting with the families who

were enduring their long vigils in the bospital waiting rooms was, I found, harder than trying to comfort the injured in the wards.

That same day, I began to make the rounds of the bereaved families. Each visit left its mark, hut there was one couple in the Katamon neigbborhood will never forget.

YISRAEL MEIR LAU The Bihle relates that Joh's

no one lash ont, accusing our leaders of being traitors or murfriends sat with him through sevderers. I sensed no hatred. Truly, en days and seven nights, and we behaved more like Job's couldn't find the emotional friends, who stayed and suffered strength to utter a single sentence together with him. until Job bimself opened his I felt this both in the hospitals I

mouth and began to speak. visited, and in the homes of the All of us, like Job, or at least

This week a nation trembled with pain. Yet surely it cannot be vanquished

shed. They became free without war. It has happened in Eastern Europe too, and elsewhere.

In this too, the Jewish people is an exception. To this day, there are those who do not recognize onr right to return to our bomeland.

Nevertbeless, we must be optimistic.

On November 29, 1947, when the UN decided on the establishment of a Jewish state in part of the Land of Israel, all the Arab countries, both those near us and those further off, objected, deny-

ing our God-given right to our

Today there are only four

countries in the region hostile to

us - Iraq, Iran, Libya, and Syria -

and Syria is ready for some kind

of negotiation. This shows that

despite everything, we are on the

The more Jews make aliya, the

more our enemies will under-

stand that we have returned to

the land of our fathers in order

never again to be separated from

it. The State of Israel, with Jeru-

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of the 1950s in which I grew up. forced myself to become fatalis-

from any direction. On Monday I was standing at the hitchiking post in French Hill, talking about this fatalistic approach with a neighbor who was also waiting for a ride. As an example of the onpredictability of life I cited the death of my friend Leah, who was found brain-dead a year ago from un-

known causes. I gave my neighbor a copy of the memorial booklet Leah's family and friends had just had printed, then turned back to the road to watch for familiar cars that could take us home.

My attention was caught by a dark-colored vehicle speeding along near the curb. I turned to my neighbor to say: "What a crazy driver! Even if he is going to Shilo, we're not getting in." Two words into the sentence 1 was knocked down, then felt a great weight on my feet, and heard shooting close hy. I felt paralyzed. I couldn't move.

Everyone wonders how they would react if they were confronted by builets, blood, serious injury, and the like. Just the day before, with images before our eyes of people blown to smithereens, of bodies so dismembered that the fatalities could only be calculated after counting body parts, a friend and I had candidly

ask if I'm afraid to travel. The Lroads are dangerous - whether it's accidents, terrorist attacks. or Arab schoolchildren throwing Our life here is all so different

live in Shilo. People always

from the Pollyannaish America To survive emotionally, I've tic, recognizing that I have no control, that death can come

BATYA MEDAD

admitted to each other that we probably could never manage to give an injured person first aid. It embarrasses me to confess that when I was put to the test at French Hill, barely a day later, 1 was proven right.

How could the police think the French Hill driver was anything but a terrorist?

The military, who thought the car might be booby-trapped, told ns to to get as far away as possible. "The car is going to explode," they kept repeating. With the help of my friend, I managed to get np and we fled. I'm no hero.

DRAGGING my injured foot, not yet swollen, we walked until we could find a bus. There were soldiers coming from all directions - even jumping off the high wall onto the sidewalk - and I was terrified that after surviving the car and the shooting I would end up being accidently killed by a soldier landing on my head.

My instincts told me to keep moving, and it was a good feeling to know that I could walk on my injured foot. But my brain told me I had to get it X-rayed. I said goodbye to my friend and took another hus to the area of the Central Bus Station and called the emergency 101 number. Still in a state of unreality and filled

It was there 1 heard the shocking news on the radio - that the When 1 entered their house, I police were trying to prove it wasn't a terrorist attack, just a

simple accident - sure, and I'm Marilyn Monroe! My aggravation was sn pronounced that they wouldn't release me until my blood pressure had been checked. I used all my mental strength to calm myself so as to register an acceptable reading. Thank God, there were no hones broken, and my hlood pressure was normal.

But now there's a new fear to add to terrorists, traffic sccidents, illness, and the like.

How in heaven's name could the police ever have thought that such an attack could have been an accident? My neighbors, who saw the car plough into the people waiting at the hitching post - killing one and injuring many - were told that the police weren't interested in their eyewitness accounts.

We need to trust the police, not suspect them and their judgment. I must go on with my life. Any change in our routine gives our enemies a victory.

After the attack, 1 thought 1 would never return to the hitching post. And riding home Ister with a friend who had come to fetch me, I was certain it would he empty. How could anyone have the courage to stand there ever again?

My friends and neighbors were there. We stopped the car and filled up the back seat. When my leg is strong enough to stand on. I guess I'll be there too.

The writer lives in Shilo.

with nervous energy, I hobbled Young Tender the kilometer to the Magen Da-20 orthopedic models grown naturally on and living room Galilee pastures by South African farmers sets with sofa beds OUALITY YOU CAN TRUST Kosher and veterinary supervision. Freshly frozen, cut, packed and delivered to your home! Free Catalog Choice Cuts: leg, shoulder, neck, chops, ribs, etc. To order, call: Ben Saks, Moshay Kfar Kisch 114 Ben-Yehuda, Tel-Aviv 03-5235073 06-765958 Boen: 09:30 - 15:00 16:00 - 19:00

found them sitting quite alone. Their only son, aged 22, had been slain in the bomhing, a month ignore the obligation to express before he was due to finish his ourselves in some meaningful military service. The parents were Holocaust

survivors. They had huilt their home in Jerusalem after the fnunding of the state, and had bad no more children after this one son. They had devoted their whole lives to him.

Now they were just sitting there, their whole world collapsed around them. They hadn't even posted a death notice. "Whom should 1 tell?" asked the mother.

What could one say to a couple like this, who will have no one to say Kaddish for them? I felt like the three friends of the hiblical Job. Joh lost all his children and all his possessions, then found himself afflicted with boils.

like Joh's friends, are still in the bereaved families. The pain was first week of the trauma. We are still groping around for words yet at the same time we cannot

WSV. After the Holocaust, I said something 1 have repeated after every calamity: We Jews know how to die together. The time has come for us to learn to live together. We always manage to come together in time of disaster, with no discrimination or division; what we can't seem to do is coexist in times of relative peace.

But this week, for the first time ever, we didn't just die together. We learned to live together.

FROM EVERY house in Israel, the response to the tragedy has heen more united, more introverted, less wild and vengeful. In contrast to the past, I heard

there - great pain; but there was a restraint. I have a thought, and I do not know whether it is a comfort or not.

According to the Bahylonian Talmad, three things are achieved through suffering: Torah, the Land of Israel, and the world to come.

As far as suffering for the land is concerned, we have felt that keenly over the last 100 years at least. But I would like to stress that the War of Independence didn't end in 1949. It is still going on, the many cease-fires notwithstanding.

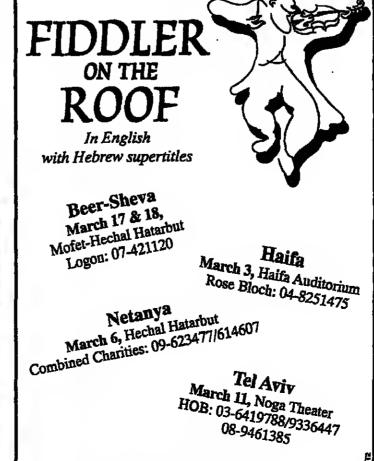
And the sacrifices we have made over the last two-and-a-half years have not been sacrifices for peace, but for the redemption of the Jewish people in its homeland.

In Africa, we have seen examples of peoples liberated from colonialism virtually without blood-

fact that cannot be altered. There is a verse in Exodus that says "As much as they were tortured, so did they multiply and flourish." It is my belief that this quality still characterizes the lewish people.

The writer is Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Israel

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We will gather for an Erev Limud in her memory on Sunday evening, March 3, 1996, at 8 p.m., at Beit Shalom, 2 Shir Street (corner of 11 Graetz), Tel Aviv.

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Haim Shapiro

on the passing of his mother

LEILA SHAPIRO

With deep sorrow we announce the death of our wife.

WORLD NEWS

'Russian Cuba warns US over area near new exile flotilla Chechnya hit by

HAVANA (Reuter) - Warning that it would use all necessary means to counter violations of its territory, Cuba yesterday urged the United States to stop a planned new exile foray of boats and planes near Cuba this weekend. Havana also condemned plans for legislation in the US to tough-

air raid'

TIMOTHY HERITAGE

THE leader of Ingushetia said mili-

tary helicopters launched an air

strike in his southern Russian region yesterday, reviving fears that

it could be sucked into conflict with

Russia like neighboring Chechnya.

copters in the region. Ingush President Ruslan Aushev's

press office said combat helicopters

had made three rocket attacks on the

mountain village of Arshty, close to

the border with Chechnya. Russia's

defense ministry said in was unable

son is in a critical condition," said

the Ingush statement, which was

It said the figures came from an

Ingusb "working group." but gave no details of which government department it worked for.

Interfax news agency quoted Aushev's press office as saying later that Arshty itself had not

come under attack but an area

near the village had been fired on

from the direction of the nearby

settlement of Bamut in Chechnya.

as saying no rockets had hit the

village. The ingusb statement said it

was practically impossible to

enter the village because of bad

weather and the poor state of roads, damaged by Russia's 58th Army in a five-day siege of Arsbty and nearby Galashki

The unly contact with Arshty was by radio, it said.

fighting could spread from Chechnya to Ingushetia, a mostly

agricultural region with a popula-tion of about 200,000 people. (Reuter)

10 Indian

politicians

ordered arrested

the leader of India's largest oppo-

The warrants were the latest

indication of the unusually bard-

sition party.

such crimes.

Ausbev said last week be feared

which ended only on Monday.

Russia's official Itar-Tass news agency quoted sources in Arsbty

sent to news organizations.

There are wounded. One per-

to confirm the attack.

Only Russia has military beli-

en Washington's 34-year-old economic embargo against the island, saying it would badly set back any efforts m solve the long-standing US-Cuban dispute.

US President Bill Clinton has said he will sign the legislation as part of his protest at Cuba's shooting down of two small US private planes last Saturday. Cuba says it downed the planes,

operated by the Cuban exile group Brothers to the Rescue, in defense of its airspace and after issuing warnings. Four crew members were presumed dead. Referring to exile plans to send

a fresh flotilla of buats and two planes near Cuba tomorrow. senior Foreign Ministry official Carlos Fernandez de Cossio told reporters the US had the legal and technical means to stop any violation of Cuban territory and should do so.

The US could use its Neutrality Act that aims at preventing provocation of another country, he said, adding that for the Washington not to take measures to prevent the planned flotilla would be irresponsible.

"The question is: 'What will the United States do?' ' asked Fernandez de Cossio, head of the Foreign Ministry's North America department. "If they [the exile flotilla] come to international waters [or international airspace]. they should have no difficulty... but if not, Cuba will not permit

"If they try to penetrate Cuban



Lebanese troups in armored vehicles patrol the road to Beirut International Airport yesterday during a nationwide imposed curfew.

Lebanon showdown raises concern about Hariri

NEW DELHI Jadia (AB) - A rBEIRUT-(Reuter) - Lebanese - Hariri's decision to use the army judge yesterday ordered the artest Prittle Minister Rafik Hariri brought criticism.

of 10 politicians charged in at \$18, stonght in the army yesterday to the mergency is less than the Hariri four former cabinet ministers and foil workers' protests in a showfoil workers' protests in a show-down with labor that intensified became a hope, then a promise and then a probability," the leftist concerns about his democratic daily As-Safir said. Under orders from Hariri, the

It sarcastically referred to the billionaire coostruction waters or airspace, Cuba will use the necessary means," he added.

Clinton yesterday ordered the US Coasi Guard to assist the exile flotilla, tuld the group to keep out of Cuba's territory and warned Havana not to interfere.

Fernandez de Cossio stressed Cuba would not accept any violation of its airspace or waters, 20 km off Cuba.

But he also indicated it would be provocative for the flotilla to travel below the 24th parallel, an area to the north of Cuba that Havana views as a restricted zone.

Asked whether the Cuban air force was on full alert for the planned flotilla, Fernandez de Cossio would say only that Cuba's armed forces had been on alert for the past 36 years He was referring to m the 1959

revolution that brought President Fidel Castro to power.

IRA ves no he fallor gives no cease-fire guarantee to Adams

LONDON (Reuter) - Leading nationalist politicians from Northern Ireland yesterday dampened bopes of an early resumption of the IRA's cease-fire after failing to win firm pledges at a secret meeting with leaders of the guerrilla group.

Gerry Adams, president of the Irisb Republican Army's political wing, Sinn Fein, and moderate nationalist John Hume said they met the IRA on Wednesday bours after Britain and Ireland unveiled plans to invite Sinn Fein to all-party peace talks on June 10 if the guerrillas silenced their guns.

Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labor party, said that Adams had joined him in urging the IRA to resume its ceasefire once again, but without success.

Asked if the guerrillas would end a bombing campaign they resumed on February 9 after an 18-month truce, Hume told BBC radio: "You know what my views are

"They [the IRA] gave me no guarantees of that nature at

Adams said a just political settlement to the conflict in Northern Ireland, which claimed more than 3,200 lives in 25 years. would require an end to all armed action.

"If you're saying to me, do l think that'll happen tonight or tomorrow night or the next night, I think it's most unlikely," he told BBC radio,

The IRA guerrillas, who seek an end to Britisb rule in Northern Ireland, did not trust Britain, Adams told Irisb radio.

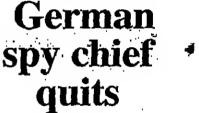
"These people told us that they were totally skeptical and distrustful of the way the British government used and abused the 18month cessation [cease-fire]," he

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BONN (Reuter) - The head of Germany's foreign intelligence service quit yesterday after bis

spies became embroiled in scan-

dals over secrets-for-casb and a

sting operation to catch plutonium

As head of the Federal Intelligence Service (BND),

Konrad Porzner had won a reputa-

tion as a stickler for the rules who

failed to keep close tabs on his

staff or to keep the BND out of the

firing line, particularly in the plu-

smugglers.

said. And here you have a dictator, but be doesn't say be's a dictator," the commentator fold Reuters. Troops stayed on the streets after the curfew was lifted and

LEILA SHAPIRO

The funeral will take place in Hollywood, Florida.

Rabbi David Shapiro Halm and Francine Shapiro Alex, Leora and Zvi Judy and Stanley Saxe, Harriet, Natalle and Neal

With great sorrow and heavy hearts we mourn the death of our mother

MAUREEN GOULD STARR

Who passed away in Birmingham, England, after a long illness.

> Penny Starr **Fiona Starr Carolyn Starr**

To the

KAVALSKY FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences on the sudden loss of our dear friend and colleague

LEN KAVALSKY

Leonard Sackstein, Lawrence Goodman, and all Len's many friends at Taste of Israej.

We mourn the passing, after a brief illness, of our devoted wife and mother

ROSA NEUFLIESS 5"

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Werner Neufliess, Shavei Zion Dalia Neufliess - Barkey, Ronl, Tal and Lanny, Haifa

On the fourth anniversary of the passing of our beloved

AVRAHAM HARMAN

we will visit his graveside on Friday, March 1, 1996. We will gather at the entrance to the Givat Shaul cemetery at 9:30 a.m.

The family

ng approach that the courts rmy kent the country under curare taking in the case, and the few from 3 a.m. to 2 p.m. and arrested thousands of people to impact it could bave on a general prevent a general strike and antielection expected in April. government demonstrations that Corruption has long been prevalent at all levels of government, Hariri had banned. but this is the first scandal to

credentials.

The official National News embroil the top rungs of the hier-Agency said troops arrested 2,500 arcby and all three main political people during the 11-bour curfew, mostly ordinary citizens breaking parties. It is front-page news the curfew, and most were being across India, and appears to have left many people hoping their freed quickly. country is finally prepared to fight

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The unveiling of the tombstone for our beloved mother.

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With deep sorrow we announce the passing of

MEYER H. (Mike) BARGTEIL 57

beloved husband of Hannah S. Bargtell 7"

The funeral will be at Eretz Hachayim Cemetery, Sunday,

March 3, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. Bus will leave from just below

Cong. Moreshet Yisrael on Agron Street at 8:45 a.m.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the

Meyer H. Bargteil Memorial Fund

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Granddaughter: Michelie and Howard Covitz - USA

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Husband of Hannah 77

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Son: Michael -- USA

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Ralph Braver, Mirlam Lifschutz (Chicago)

There were no reports of disturbances or demonstrations but

tycoon as a "martial law governor," and said that by using the army to prop up his government Hariri was showing that he had lost popularity and political strength since he took over in October 1992.

"This is a dictatorship disguised as a democracy," said a Beirut newspaper commentator who asked not to be identified.

"Many Lebanese say we need a dictatorship to put things in order.

US presidential candidates spar in debate

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) - The Republican presidential can-didates traded barbs over social issues and taxes yesterday, and Bob Dole came under fire for his support of tax increases over the years. "Don't malign my integrity," Dole snapped back in a noontime debate.

Their encounter underscored that the campaign had moved into the conservative South. The candidates said the all-male Citadel should be allowed to bar women. And the Confederate flag, Pat Buchanan said, was a symbol of defiance and courage, not racism. "My friends, if there is room in

After the moderator played a Dole ad that labeled Buchanan an

Dole was repeatedly hit for his being the punching bag." But when Steve Forbes attacked him again,

game," countered Forbes. The event, which was to be televised nationally later in the evening.

It was a sign of the stakes in the days ahead. South Carolina Republicans vote tomorrow, followed by primary voting in eight more states on Tuesday. Only a few candidates will survive that

would continue to maintain national security as ordered by Hariri on Wednesday when he told the army to take charge of security for three months.

shops and businesses remained clused in Beirut although cars

began moving through the streets.

Emile Lahoud said the army

Army commander General

Yesterday's confrontation pitted Hariri, who is trying to rebuild Lebanon from the 1975-90 civil war, with the General Labor Confederation, which planned to defy a government ban and hold street demonstrations during the strike.

and said he would stage a hunger

The debate began with a feud

Lamar Alexander confronted Dole

on his campaign's tenor, and

Forbes conceded, "I regret hav-

"Steve, you haven't learned a

single thing in the whole cam-

paign." Alexander said. "You

Forbes, referring to some of his

negative ads, noted that he bad

never questioned Alexander's

down. "My ethics have never

know that's not true."

"cozy business deals."

been questioned."

scolded, "Bob, that needs to stop."

strike in protest.

tonium-smuggling affair. Porzner, 61, issued a terse statement saying the head of Helmut Kohl's chancellery, Friedrich Bohl, had refused his request to move two senior BND officials or retire them.

> "I have therefore asked that I should be placed in early retirement," he added.

balloting. In South Carolina, Dole was leading in polls published this week, with Buchanan trailing. As a career civil servant, this was in effect the only way he The four major candidates were the only ones invited to the could resign and government spokesman Herbert Schmuelling debate. Long-shot candidate Alan Keyes wasn'ı asked to participate confirmed the request had been granted.

Porzner denied that his resignation was tied to the plutonium over negative campaign ads. scandal.

"If the plutonium affair had played a role, then I would bave quit many months ago," he told DF television station.

He admitted that relations with the chancellery were at times difficult, saying: "The relationship of coordinators is not easy."

An informed source who declined to be named said Porzner had asked for the remuval of two senior officials whose subordin ates were believed to be involved in an embezziement scandal.

He said BND staff were being investigated for embezzling over one million marks (\$700,000) intended to buy the services of Russian officers leaving former East Germany.

The men were also believed to have sold information on the Russian military to a British secret agent - prompting Porzner to trav-"You wait just a minute," Alexander said, shouting him el to London to express bis annoyапсе.

> Porzner, a long-time member of parliament for the opposition Social Democrats, had fended off rumors of his resignation since soon after Kohl appointed him in late 1990.

in an obituary announcement published in yesterday's paper, the name of Sara Duker was inadvertently misspelled.

ing spent so much time discussing my opponents." Buchanan agreed: "You're right - you overdid it." "Steve Forbes has been very effective with negative advertis-Overcome,' then there's got to be room for Dixie as well," be said. ing," said Dole. "He's the king of negative advertising." The most heated exchange was between Forbes and Alexander, with the former Tennessee governor defending himself against charges he grew rich by using his political connections.

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Dole said, "Don't malign my integrity here," a comment reminiscent of his 1988 reply to Bush to "stop lying about my record."

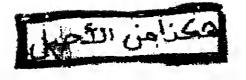
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extremist, Buchanan criticized it as a sign of the "hollowness" of Dole's campaign. "It's the same name they called Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan,"



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The fallout: Netanyahu responds with dignity...

N their initial reactions soon after the twin blasts this week, both principal contenders for prime minister gave an incredibly politically correct performance. Under the circumstances they came across as the epitome of sober, statesmanlike demeanor.

Unlike his slain predecessor, Peres did not engage in abrasive bookkeeping, insensitively chide the shocked public for being crybabies or lash out at the opposi-tion and accuse it of collaborating with Hamas.

Not that the opposition gave him any opportunity to rake it over the coals.

Having hurnt his fingers with too fiery a reaction after last year's Dizengoff hus explosion, Binyamin Netanyahu was flawless this time

He did not rush to the site of the smoldering bus but issued his statement from the dignified surroundings of Metzudat Ze'ev. calling for solidarity and unity. He pledged unstinting support for the government - should it adopt the necessary measures against terror.

He thus implied that these measures are not now in force, while at the same time not allowing himself to be faulted for carping comments when he was offering cooperation. It was classic political sophistication, especially as he went further and urged his party faithful to desist from demonstrating.

But if a political analyst from Mars were to descend into our ostensibly harmonious midst and conclude that this tragedy would have no quick political ramifications, be would be dead wrong.

It's something few Likud politicians like to speak of for the record lest they be accused of "dancing on blood." Yet it is quickly claimed in the Likud that this is precisely what Labor did on the eve of the 1992 elections,

when the stabbing of schoolgirl Helena Rapp in Bat Yam was openly exploited in Labor's elections broadcasts. Haim Ramon's cry of "get Gaza out of Tel Aviv," has left its indelible imprint on our political culture.

The Likud now maintains that not only had Labor failed to fulfill its promise of four years ago to improve the average Israeli's personal safety - a cornerstone of the party's electoral victory - but that things have gotten hideously worse. Since the Oslo accords nearly 200 Israelis have died in terror attacks, a considerably greater number than during any comparable period since the state's independence.

The total collapse of a government's central policy plank is certainly an elections issue and not anything that can be described as exploiting bloodshed, says Likud MK Tzahi Hanegbi, one of Netanyahu's closest lieutenants.

"When Israelis are afraid to ride a hus or drive or walk near one, something is wrong – espe-cially when the problem is aggravated by the government's reckless gambling with the lives of its citizens and especially when the incumbents came to power on the promise to achieve precisely the reverse," Haneghi continues.

"The government's policy lies in shambles and the prime minister promises us more of the same. Certainly it's a legitimate campaign issue."

Those who had kept their "eyes open all along could not have failed to notice the total duplicity with which Arafat is dealing with the Petes government," adds Hanegbi.

"He has violated his side of the hargain throughout. He bas never made a move to hand over the most despicable of the murderers who found safe haven in his fiefdom. Terror can be reduced hut

What effects may this week's terror attacks have on the election campaign? Sarah Honig reports

for that, the government must cease counting on Arafat to do its

job. "He is not threatened by Islamic fanatics but works hand in glove with them. They slaughter and be gets territorial rewards. Peace must be made with a partner who

wants peace and not with a group of which only half favors peace, or a third or a quarter. We cannot stand helpless at the autonomy gates, unable to

pursue butchers or secure intelligence. To just hope that there won't be another bus blast is an



unconscionable disregard for the lives of ordinary Israelis."

BUT the problem existed prior to the Jerusalem and Ashkelon outrages, so why assume that these incidents will change opinions? The answer from Likud strate-

gists is that the latest horrors might indeed change nothing. Terror rarely alters political positions, they venture, but it does bolster prior political tendencies. The latest bombings may sim-ply bring back to the Likud those who in recent months proclaimed themselves undecided or floating voters. This assertion is borne out by the polls conducted on Black mday.

Until then, for nearly four months the polls showed a 15-20% gap in Peres's favor. Ever since the Rabin assassination Netanyahu's fortunes seemed to nosedive, apparently because heaps of mud were slung at him while Peres was enjoying a political honeymoon.

But literally overnight Peres's lead seems to have been erased. A poll conducted by Mina Tzemah for Vediot Aharonot after the twin onslaughts essentially indicates parity with Peres at 48% and Netanyahu at 46%. Six percent were still in the "don't know" category. Her margin of error was

A careful study of the poll will show that Peres had not lost much ground. Support for Netanyahu went up by some 10% hut the most dramatic aspect of the poll was the sharp drop in the numbers of those who had declared themselves undecided. More than Netanyahu gained, the undecided had really gone home or decided to blow their cover.

Around Netanyahu it was maintained even through the months of unremittingly bad polls, that the situation is much as it was on the eve of the Rabin assassination - a near tie. The polls were all off, it was estimated, because of the uncommonly high proportion of floaters.

Their theory was that these are really Likud supporters who were either swept by the post-assassi-nation emotional tidal wave or

were reluctant to identify themselves in what they considered an intolerant political atmosphere.

Hence, the assessment in the Likud is that this week's terrorism merely returned people to reality. The Israeli public, according to this line of thinking, goes from shock to shock, from depression to depression. The oppressive influence of the Rabin assassination was still heavy in the air when elections were advanced. Memory of the terrorist savagery of earlier months was overshadowed by the assassination and dimmed by the relative recent calm - to no small extent due to plain had luck for the terrorists.

"It isn't that the effect of the Rabin assassination was nullified," judges Haneghi, "but that there is perhaps a return to a sense of proportion and the dreadful shattering of an illusory calm - so far as ordinary folk are concerned.

"As for the 'beautiful people,' I can't help wondering about the curious silence of those who were so vocal after the assassination. But when 25 innocents who hadn't hurt a fly are cut down. Aviv Gefen doesn't sing, artists do not gather in vehemence, sentimental books are not published, ITV prepares no memorial cassettes, no medals are minted and no overpasses, hospitals or streets are named after the dead."

Does this mean that these noncelebrity victims will be eventual-ly forgotten like those before them? Maybe. The shock of the past week may well fade and lose its electoral significance before the May 29 polling day. Nothing is certain in our volatile and turbulent arena, it is admitted in the Likud, though it is thought that this week's trauma just may mark a turning point which will bring the political balance back to a more undistorted and even keel.

While Peres ponders ending open borders

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres's dream of European-Peres's arean or curopean-systes open borders, between Israel and the territories could explode along with the suicide bombs that went off this week. The last seven months - which

fearing that it would resurrect the Green Line. Inter-actionists such as Minister

in the Prime Minister's Office Yossi Beilin also did not press bard for it, illustrating that the position is losing ground. Now its

Following the latest bombings, will the prime minister abandon his vision of a New Middle East? David Makovsky reports

ment driving the pro-separation was decided 10 step up security without expl on lof worker measures including more police This would be a separation based on the seam of the Green Line, not on bostility but on mutual Barak made his case for extended respect... Within n year and a half, we can reduce dependence to closure and argued against those almost zero." charging it was a pressure cooker which could prove counterpro-IN SEPARATE interviews this ductive for Israeli security. He cited poet Robert Frost who week, both Barak and Ramon rorism strategy. The full demands were posed exuded their usual confidence coined the phrase in his 1914 poem. Mending Wall. "good about pursuing this course. fences make good neighbors." Barak said the following: Ramon said, "I know no better way to deal with suicide bombers "The closure has proven itself in the past. It is effective. We than closure. Closure can he remedied by economic measures need to enforce it with punishinside the territories, while there ment against Israeli employers is no economic solution to suiwho violate it [by bringing in cide bombers." Barak noted that Palestinian workers]. the Palestinians would still be able to have goods enter the terri-There is no pressure cooker. There was a pressure cooker when 140,000 Palestinians tories. Yet, UN coordinator for the worked here and the Palestinian territories Terje Larsen remains economy were smaller. Now unconvinced. Larsen stressed Second, apart from the security there are fewer workers and the that he definitely understood that Israel has to take short-term Palestinian economy has now grown by a third. The eightmeasures against terrorism, but at the same time, he said bluntly month closure starting in March 1993 reduced the dependence [on that prolonged closure would "strangle Gaza and thereby Palesunian labor]. "There is no alternative over increase fundamentalism and time to separation. Nobody in violence" and Israeli security Israel wants the alternatives to it: would not he best served since Precisely for this reason, propoa binational state or apartheid or extremism thrives on economic Bosnia here. This does mean that desperation. Larsen said the economic damseparation will be along a straight line, it will include Jordan Valley. age done by closure is very substantial, believing that every Gush Etzion, Ma'aleh Adumim. Palestinian breadwinner in Gaza up to Ariel. "Separation will give us enhanced security, and allow past who works in Israel feeds 10 people. He said the closure costs the traumas to settle and enable Palestinian economy \$3 million per day in direct and indirect

costs. If closure would be permalong-term policy. For example, for two years, the Foreign Ministry bas been issuing nent, this would mean a shortfall of at least \$750 million per year. To put this in perspective, this press statements about its plans to join the US and the Palestinians amount is more than the 35 donor in supporting the establishment of labor-intensive industrial zones countries give annually to the

saw no suicide bombings - led to an increase in the number of Palestinians working within the Green Line from 30,000 to 72,000, and the school of thought within the government favoring increased interaction between Israelis and Palestinians seemed to be gaining.

Yet, this week's bombing demonstrated that when push comes to shove, Peres's vision of close interaction instead of separation between Israel and the territories did not win many adherents in his own cabinet. Peres, who in previous times would have been the chief opponent. himself extended closure. Before he would have blanched at his predecessor's policies of eliminating Palestinian jobs in favor of foreign labor. Now he approved the closure and this week his aides admitted the goal of open borders seemed more distant.

These were the first bombings since his becoming not just premier but also defense minister, and Peres did not want to be seen as weak, especially three months before an election. Officials in the Prime Minister's Office this week suddenly seemed to speak of closure as if they were converts. .

In an apparent effort to gather election ammunition, they were assembling press clippings of statements against closure made by former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir while he was in power,

other advocates are only Immigration Minister Yair Tzaban and Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni (both Meretz).

On the other side, two of the most senior ministers close to Peres were very vocal in calling for a tough line, Foreign Minister Ehnd Barak and Interior Minister Haim Ramon. Not coincidentally, the two have top campaign functions, and met with Peres at his office the night of the bombings this week to discuss how this issue could effect the campaign.

The public cares abont personal security." Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan said, echoing a refrain of several ministers who believe reducing or eliminating the number of Palestinian laborers working in Israel can best achieve this goal.

Barak and Ramon are joined by several ministers, most notably long-term advocate Education Minister Amnon Ruhinstein (Meretz), Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Sbetreet, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal - who has headed a commission on how to achieve separation - and Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who said before the bombings that the territories should be sealed off until after the elections and Israel should compensate the Palestinians accordingly.

There are three lines of argu-

forces. First, as Barak points out, there is at least circumstantial evidence that it is effective against terror. He says that there bas only been one bombing (Hadera in May 1994) when closure was imposed. Therefore, closure should be part of the anti-ter-

by IDF Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat at their meeting Tuesday night, which included a crackdown on Hamas and chasing down 13 individuals the IDF suspects are hardcore killers, sources

Shahak 10ld one minister that privately he is convinced that Arafat knows Israel means busi-

logic, there is a political logic to closure as it has popular appeal on both the left and right. It is the only time that Labor is able to outflank the Likud on the right. urging that Palesunians be kept on the other side of the fence.

nents say, it has educational value. Prolonged closure would make the Israeli public used to the notion that borders exist. The feeling is that the public cares less where the borders are, rather than the fact that they do in fact exist

At Wednesday's closed-door inner cabinet meeting where it

[trade] cooperation to evolve

Indeed, some European envoys bave privately complained that the donors feel that they are offsetting the effects of the closures instead of having the money spent on infrastructure projects.

The upshot is that diplomats believe if Israel wants to stop bringing Palestinian labor, it should consider compensating the Authority or the individuals involved. Yet, Israel bas not made an offer, and therefore closure can only be construed as collective punishment, they said.

The notion of closure leading to separation is gaining political ground in Israel, but it must be pointed out that it is startling that its definition has not crystallized in the three years since it was first imposed after a wave of stabbings. Three years and many closures later, it is still seen as merely reactive and an election hotbutton issue, but not part of a

inside Palestinian areas instead of Israel, but so far nothing has happened. There have been major delays as it has been mired in bureaucracy, and amhitious plans have been scaled back due to fiscal problems.

Delays extend heyond the question of funding. After the Beit Lid bombing in January 1995, Shahal was appointed amid great fanfare to establish a commission on how to enhance separation. Yet those recommendations were ignored by the government and considered unworkable and costly.

Unless the school of thought favoring separation is able to put together a coherent position on how it can help make it happen, the notion will be seen as merely a reactive, election vote-grabber and not any more realistic than its perhaps idyllic alternative now being put on hold hy Peres.





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PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat arrived at the military compound at the Erez Checkpoint on Tuesday night with his coterie of aides. Unlike in previous meetings, his Israeli interlocutors did not wait to greet him.

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Inside the meeting room, the Israeli delegation, composed of military men headed by Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, presented a list of Hamas terrorists and laid down a challenge to Arafat: crack down on Islamic terrorism or face a halt in the peace process.

"You have public legitimacy," Shahak reportedly told Arafat, "and you have the means. There is no excuse outside a lack of motivation not to fight the terrorists."

The following day, Israeli officials, as well as some of these same officers, reviewed the session with Arafat and attempted to draft scenarios for forcing the PA leader to finally eliminate Islamic terrorism. Their conclusion: Arafat can be hudged hut apply too much pressure and he will hreak.

Their bottom line: There is a limit to how much Israel can pressure Arafat or the Palestinians. "We can influence him to a point," says a senior military officer. "But even having a late-night meeting with an Israeli chief of staff, as opposed to his usual meetings with ministers, could take its toll on his credibility as a leader."

Officials acknowledge a debate over the pliability of Arafat and whether Palestinian institutions should be strengthened or kept vulnerable in case Israel needs to pressure the PA.

"Israel is faced with a very genuine dilemma." says Daniel Tauh, a Foreign Ministry legal adviser who helped draft all of the agreements with the Palestinians. "The Palestinians have to see the benefits of the process. Unless that happens, support for the process will erode.

'Against that, we have the problem of terfor. These are two elements that occasionally come into conflict.'

ON PAPER, Israel has the power to hreak Palestinian defiance with a flick of a switch. In a position paper, Col, Shaul Arieli, an aide to OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, listed several means of pressuring Arafat to accept its demands on fighting terrorism. including by cutting off water, elec-tricity, telephone and Israeli medical services to the PA.

The document reached the attention of Shahak, but senior officials dismissed its options as counterproductive. Such measures, senior officials say, would destroy Arafat's authority as an independent leader and increase support for Hamas's rejectionist line.

"It would only increase terror and encourage Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which grow and develop on the hasis of ignorance, poverty and suffering," says MK Ran Cohen, a mem-her of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee who has close ties to the Palestinian leadership.

Another option is to urge the donor nations to limit financial aid to the PA until it eliminates terrorism. Foreign Minister Ehud Barak appeared to suggest this after the twin suicide bombing attacks on Sunday in which 25 peoc were killed.

But senior government sources reject-the

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The PA leader can be budged - but go too far and he'll break, Israeli officials tell Steve Rodan

idea. "It's an excellent hammer, but it might shatter the PA while fostering a much stronger opposition," one says.

The more traditional pressure tactic against Arafat has been the closure of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. This prevents about 100,000 Palestinians from entering Israel to seek work. Officials, including senior military sources,

say closure is effective for up to two weeks. Then, the measure takes its toll in rising poverty, unemployment and the creation of an atmosphere in which Palestinians, particularly the young, feel trapped in a pressure cooker. "Closure is a long-term price for a short-

term gain," the Foreign Ministry's Tauh says. PA Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Ahmed Qreia (Ahu Ala) agrees: "It is dangerous if you put the Palestinians in a cor-

IDF OFFICERS say Arafat is slowly losing a grip on the Palestinian hureaucracy's willingness to honor agreements with Israel. The trend is most apparent among Palestinian police, whose behavior, the sources say, has become more hrazen toward IDF officers and Israelis passing through the territories.

Over the past few weeks, Brig.-Gen. Herzl Getz, head of the joint security liaison committee, has been dealing with several cases in which PA officers were said to have systematically intimidated Israeli soldiers legally patrolling through Gaza.

They included amhushes in which PA officers would stop IDF jeeps and point their submachine guns at the Israeli soldiers. So far. three Palestinian officers have reportedly heen dismissed.

Some Israelis and Palestinians quietly agree that these days, Arafat is even less vulnerable to pressure from the government of Prime Minister Shimon Peres. The reason is the govemment's expectations that the Palestine National Council will amend the Palestinian covenant in accordance with Arafat's commitment.

Palestinian analysts say they are convinced that Arafat can recruit two-thirds of the 483member PNC to support a change in the covenant. A Foreign Ministry document submitted to Arafat contains four suggestions for doing so:

· remove all clauses that call for Israel's destruction:

adopt a new covenant;

• pass a resolution declaring anything con-trary to the Israel-PLO accords to be void; · add an amendment to the covenant that declares as null all references in that docu-

ment to Israel's destruction. THE GOAL, shared by Arafat and Peres, is for the covenant to be changed on the eve of the Israeli elections. "Arafat knows he has to

do this," says Wadie Ahu Nassar, a researcher at Tel Aviv University who has close ties to the Palestinian leadership. "But he is trying to gain concessions from the Israeli side."

Harsh Israeli pressure on the PA, including an extended closure, could shatter any hopes to amend the covenant. It's an assertion raised in government and military forums on how far to push Arafat.

"A closure could cause Arafat to say, either sincerely or falsely, that popular opinion is against changing the covenant," a senior military source says.

For Israelis, the question is what Arafat can do. Government analysts say at hest he could outlaw Hamas and confiscate their weapons. He could enforce regulations that apply in most Arab countries against political activities in mosques. At one point. IDF experts on the PA thought the authority had been doing this. But in the wake of Sunday's bomhings, they have expressed doubts about the effectiveness of the PA's efforts.

The minimum, government analysts say, is that Arafat could restrict Hamas gatherings, such as the one in Kalkilya last week in which militants reenacted the bombing of the Dan No. 5 hus on Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street in 1994. This would include keeping Hamas gatherings indoors and hanning press cover-

"Why doesn't [Arafat] want to do this?" a senior military source asks. "I guess he simply doesn'i want to."

TAU's Ahu Nassar agrees. He says Arafat's main interest is to maintain his so-called cease-fire agreement with Hamas.

The result is that the PA president has allowed the Islamic opposition to say what it wants as long as it doesn't openly employ violence.

"He is worried that if he pushes them too much it would destroy the agreement and prompt some of the militants to act against him personally," he says.

But Ahu Nassar doesn't expect Arafat to shrug off Israeli concerns. The PA president is concerned over suggestions in the Peres government that the IDF pullout from most of Hebron with the exception of the Jewish Quarter, scheduled for later this month, be delayed.

Arafat, who was in Cairo yesterday in a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, will act on several levels, Ahu Nassar says. To please Israel, he will strongly condemn terrorism and opponents of the peace process. He will limit Hamas demonstrations and probably han them for the next few weeks.

The PA chief will also announce efforts to reorganize his security services, once again to seek Israel's approval. Palestinian sources say he has long been under pressure from leading PLO members to do this.

But true reform is where most Palestinian sources believe Arafat will draw the line. He will contioue to make all decisions, particularly regarding security and finances. As Palestinians see it, it's his best insurance that Israel will be unable to deal with anybody else.

"Arafat even wants to sign the check to pay for the shoe of a soldier," a leading Palestinian close to Arafat says.

replaces a sense of morality * Semantics play a tricky role in the way the bus bombings are discussed, whether by Arafat or Hamas, Jon Immanuel writes

When the term 'political'

N attempt to avenge the assassination of Yihye Ayyash was expected and when it happened, the chief responsibility for the security lapse belonged to the security forces, which should have been at least as vigilant in preventing it as they were in tracking down and

eliminating the Engineer. The two suicide bombers belonged to categories of people who are never allowed into Israel. closure or no closure. One was a three-time detainee known for his activism on behalf of Hamas, and the other a 19-year-old single male with no work permit.

So how could they get through? They were prohably waved through checkpoints in their car with yellow number plates supplied by a Palestinian from Jerusalem, wearing IDF uniforms purchased for them in a Jerusalem army surplus store.

Simple? The two bombs that ripped apart more Israelis in one single operation than anything Ayyash made, according to former GSS deputy commander Gideon Ezra, downplaying reports of an 'engineer No. 2. They were nothing like the homhs of Ayyash, who, he said, with some admiration, "could make a bomh out of nothing." That's little comfort. But Ezra was thinking that if there were a successor to Ayyash it would raise questions about the wisdom

of eliminating engineer No. 1. who was, at least identifiable, traceable and open to constant surveillance when he was killed. From here to Yasser Arafat's assertion that the hombings were a joint production of Israeli and Palestinian extremists requires a leap of faith. The GSS is certainly sophisticated enough to nip such a connection. It is less geared to catching an Arab in an IDF uniform with a 20-kilo kit-

bag of explosives at a checkpoint. ARAFAT LOOKS at who has the most to gain, then works backward. The peace process has reached a moment of crisis. To say that it cannot stand another major bomh outrage is an understatement. The reelection of a Labor government hangs in the balance.

In an explanation of his conspiracy theory made before visiting diplomats, Arafat issued a press statement quoting "official sources" Wednesday through WAFA, the Palestinian Authority news agency.

The agency asserted that 48

men. operations that the perpetrators came from Hebron." It went on to note that this is where the extreme right-wing group Eyal is located, and that it "has taught jihad operations." Arafat is clearly referring to the

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fact that Yigal Amir was connected to Eyal and Amir killed Rabin. so the fact that Jews kill Jews has been established WAFA also noted an item in Yerushalayim. the local Jerusalem weekly. speaking of Israeli extremist contacts with Palestinian extremists. Arafat may or may not helieve this. It serves his purpose in avoiding a crackdown on Hamas,

with which Arafat believes he now has a stable relationship. The PA's arrangement with Hamas allows it complete freedom to conduct its armed opposition to the peace process as long as it does so from areas where the PA has no security authority and therefore has no duty to know

what it is doing. This is as much as to state the obvious, since other than giving attackers refuge afterwards mercifully for Arafat, they kill themselves - there is little the PA can do to stop attacks from areas under Israeli control, unless it can prove that incitement or orders are given from Palestinian autonomous areas. But Israel is better able to monitor telephone traffic passed from the autonomous areas into areas under its control.

IF THE PA has wanted to show that Hamas was not involved in the bombings, Hamas is keen to do the same.

In the first leaflet immediately after the bomhings, a group called the Cell of the Martyr Yihye Ayyash took responsibility without mentioning the names of the attackers, leaving no proof of authenticity. Neither did it mention Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas.

Even more curious, the leaflet did not contain the coarse invective that is usual in Izzadin Kassam leaflets. The language was almost conciliatory.

"We are not killers and terrorists." it said. Its. demands were limited to "a just and honorable peace" and asked "the Israeli government" not "the terrorist Peres clique" - to "stop terrorism against Hamas and release our prisoners. Then we will reach a historic position and will take care not to shed a drop of blood on the land of Palestine."

The language was geared to ppeal to the large majority of

In contrast, a Hebron leaflet circulated Wednesday, and signed in the name of Hamas promised continued attacks. But it mentioned the names of the killers after they were already known, so it could not be proved to be authentic.

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Could the first leaflet's conciljatory tone after such a brutal attack have been authentic?

"Yes, if Hamas had not fulfilled its promise to avenge the death of Ayyash, it would have been finished politically," said a Palestinian political scientist who declined to be identified lest he. appear to be justifying the attacks. He, like most Palestinians, considers Ayyash a "military leader" who had ceased his attacks. Therefore, his assassination showed poor political judgment by Israel.

THE KEY word is "political." Even the most pro-peace Palestinians are reaching a political, not a moral, agreement with Israel. Therefore attacks on Israelis are either politically wise or foolish, hut not immoral.

Islamic Jihad, for example, has virtually disappeared as a force in Gaza since the assassination of its leader, Fathi Shikaki, in November. A large part of the reason has been its failure to avenge his death and therefore prove itself dangerous and alive.

Three weeks ago, Palestinian police shot dead two wanted Jihad gunmen in their hideout after a tipoff, the kind of approach that Israel would like to see the Palestinian police take with Hamas gunmen. It was also a warning to Hamas,

The revenge attack was also partly a warning to the PA. Hamas wants to survive despite serious political reverses with the signing of Oslo and elections it lost

This is the basis of PA-Hamas amity. The claim of responsibility, which mentioned Hamas, was not signed hy Hamas, so it could not be accused of direct responsibility. The revenge was primarily aimed at Israel, not at the PA, like earlier direct attacks on the peace process. But it was not designed to destroy Israel: Its demands almost invited the PA to bring it

into the peace process. The PA was positively jubilant on Tuesday when the missing leaflet from Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, emerged. It dissociated itself from Sunday's bombings

"The Izzadin Kassam brigades

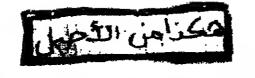
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People who witness terrible events may need as much help in recovering as the injured. psychologists tell Margot Dudkevitch

ear is a healthy reaction, a warning signal against danger, says Rina Levy, deputy director of the Jerusalem Municipality's Psychological and Educational Services.

However, when horrendous incidents such as Sunday's bomb attacks occur, not everyone has the strength or ability to deal with their emotions, Levy says. "People who walked by and saw the wreckage of the bus and bodies strewn sometimes can go into shock or become paralyzed or rooted to the spot."

According to Levy, others try to dismiss the borror and continue in a "business-as-usual attitude," blocking out the horrors or ignoring them. Both, says Levy, are extreme examples of the way people react in such situations. "It's like baving the carpet

swept out from under your feet and the feeling of losing complete control," says Dr. Bernie Stein, chief psychologist at the Education Ministry.

Two of the main reactions people suffer from in traumatic situations are the feelings of helplessness, the difficulty in coping when witnessing such an event, and the sudden and acute disruption of all of one's expectations from life, says Dr. Danny Brom, clinical psychologist and research coordinator for Amcha (the national center for psychological support of survivors of the Holocaust and the second generation).

"People witnessing such a shocking event often have to go through the same coping process as people who were actually injured in the blast," be says.

Post-traumatic stress disorder applies to both categories, says Brom, adding that people often reenact the scene in their minds over and over again, while others may become obsessed with talking excessively or suffer from recurring dreams that cause them to stay awake in order to blot out the pictures they see in their minds. of symptoms.







Jessica Steinberg reports on the work of the haredi volunteer force that recovers human remains after terror attacks

in the aftermath of each bus bombing, we sit as a nation, eyes focused on television images, ears glued to radio broadcasts, listening and looking on in horror.

We watch the police and rescue workers, faces struggling to remain impassive; as they carry out their terrible tasks of separat? ing the living from the dead: In the background; the blackened skeleton of yet another bus, its empty seats and accordion

vests of the Hesed Sbel Emet ("True mercy") volunteers, gath-ering the remains of those taken by the bomb's blast. These baredi men are fulfilling

a boly act, a mitzva. Respect for the dead is one of the boliest imperatives incumbent upon the Jewish people. There is no greater deed than carrying out the rituals and customs pertaining to death.

Yet whoever imagined that car-

(Top:) Two volunteers gather remains at the site of the Jaffa Street attack. Above, Rabbi Gelbstein: This is what makes us a Jewish nation. (Ariel Jerozolimski: Brian Hendler)

pleats a potent reminder of how quickly tragedy can strike. And into gathering body parts and

ing for the dead would translate dispersed throughout the scene skin fragments from trees and



There's no time for feelings. You work like a robot. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

A gruesome task

Moshe Klein, a 46-year-old school principal, was about to com-plete his tour of army reserve duty as an officer when he joined Hesed Shel Emet.

Since then, he's learned the art of removing his mind from the task at hand. "In these situations, there's no time for feelings," he says. "The heart is full, but the hands are busy. I climb on ladders and with my knife in hand, scrape off flesh and blood. You separate yourself from it, you work like a robot.".

When Klein went to the first basement meeting in 1989, they were shown films from various bombings, footage too shocking to be shown on television. Many participants didn't return after that, remarks Klein, for if they couldn't handle the film, how could they deal with the real thing?

Klein says he doesn't generally talk about his work, although on Monday, the day following the No. 18 bombing, people commented on his demeanor

"That's musual, because I'm a good actor, but it's difficult to hide this kind of stuff," he says. "At night, in bed, that's when you're alone with your thoughts and images. You try to run from your thoughts, but it's a constant replay in front of your eyes. You can – J.S. attempt to get over it, but the heart is full"

balconies? There's no question that this gruesome task. and exalted deed, is also the most difficult.

"It's a holy act," says Rabbi Elazar Gelbstein, director of Hesed Shel Emet. "God created us in his image and we must do his deeds. This is our job. It's bard and it breaks us but it must be done."

Gelbstein cuts an impusing figure, tall, with busby gray eye-brows and a full beard. He sits at his desk, which is covered with papers and an overflowing ashtray, surrounded by stacks of files, a computer and constant interruptions from his assistants. Yet he speaks in gentle tones. and his eyes are red-rimmed as be recalls his experiences. "I remember after the 405 [Jerusalem-Tel Aviv bus attack in 1989]. I didn't talk at home for a few days," he comments. pausing for control.

When a reporter on the scene asked me how I was doing. I started crying and continued for 10 minutes. It was probably better that be asked me, rather than holding it inside."

The 405 bus attack in the summer of 1989 was a turning point in the formation of Hesed Shel Emet. Originally, the task of gathering body remains had fallen to the police and other rescue organizations.

That fall, the municipality turned to Gelbstein, who was active in the Jerusalem Hevra Kadisha (one of the community organizations that tend to the rituals of death) and asked him to belp organize a society that would teach volunteers how to undertake the task.

At the first meeting, relates Gelbstein, there were 20 or 30 people.

He found them by word of mouth and through ads placed in the neighborhood newspapers. About a third came back after the first meeting, with two-thirds lost to scheduling conflicts and an understandable discomfort or fear with the job at hand.

The group grew slowly over the course of a year, attending classes tanght by the police. army personnel, medical staff and rabbis. The 180 volunteers are all haredim, some of whom have served in the army, as well as pacifists of varying stripes, from left-of-center to the right. from pro-settlement to anti-settlement.

As Gelbstein comments, there was a need to find what unified them. The point was, each man

had a heart, and would be doing this to help others, regardless of his political viewpoints.

We started learning, building a torah of information on the subject." says Gelhstein.

"How. why. how many... how to find it. carry it. What are the guidelines, how to gather everything and get it to the right places.

"How to list, photograph, whu took it, where did they take it to. We did all kinds of exercises. using dolls, watching films practice runs at the airport, at the railway station. They taught a course in Bnei

Brak, at the request of Ashkenazi Chief Rahbi Yisrael Meir Lau and now there are Hesed Shel Emet outlets in several cities, although Gelbstein would like to see them all united under one umbrella organization.

At the No. 5 bonibing on Dizengoft, the Jerusalem men worked side by side with those from Bnei Brak, some of them arriving on the scene after hearing the news on the radio. One of the requirements is that the volunteers then selves be married. The philosophy is that an unmarried male is, first and foremost, tied to his studies in the yeshiva,

and not mature or responsible enough to deal with the situation. They come from a variety of occupations - rabbis, teachers, a doctor, lawyers, shopkeepers and

retirees. Most of the volunteers carry their own beepers or cellular phones and Gelhstein uses these to help contact everyone. He laments the inevitably inefficient logistics of the system. Many times he simply grabs the vests and runs to the site where the

others are already waiting. "We basically pick up the

phones, if there's time, he explains. "But often, there's not. With Sunday's bombing, I heard about it at 7 a.m., and there wasn't one person who hadn't heard about it."

When their work is done, the group tries to talk about the experience although they rarely find the time.

As Gelbstein says, it's hard and they are well aware of their goals.

"This is what makes us a Jewish nation, this type of experience that doesn't differentiate between us." he emphasizes. "We do it from our heart and soul, It's a hard hesed, a difficult deed, but we must overcome it because God gave us the strength.

stresses, are perfectly normal. The media also play a role, says Levy. Reading a newspaper can trigger off emotions, but watching television footage can have a far more shocking effect. she says. "Every day people are killed in road accidents but we still crossthe roads and continue driving. However, when a bus transporting children to school crashes the whole nation is devastated:"""

DIFFERENT age groups deal with anxiety in different ways, says Levy, adding that young children need to feel secure and parents should encourage them to talk about their fears. Teachers and classroom friends tend to take over that role in school-age kids, and teenagers tend to turn to their peers. Adults express their feelings by talking to their spouses or even a fellow passenger on the bus. The main thing is to find a way to vent the feelings inside you, if not in words then perhaps by drawing, she says.

Vladimir "We advised Kushnirov's relatives to allow him to attend his parents' funeral," says Levy, stressing the importance for a child that age to participate. "Watching his parents' bod-

Expressions of loss, shock, grief: (From top) A woman lights a memorial flame for a family member who died in the November 1994 Dizengoff bombing; a passerby at the scene of the Ramot Eshkol attack last August clings to her strength, a prayer book; a woman mourns for a Dizengoff victim.

(Brian Hendler, Ariel Jerozolimski; Israel Sun)

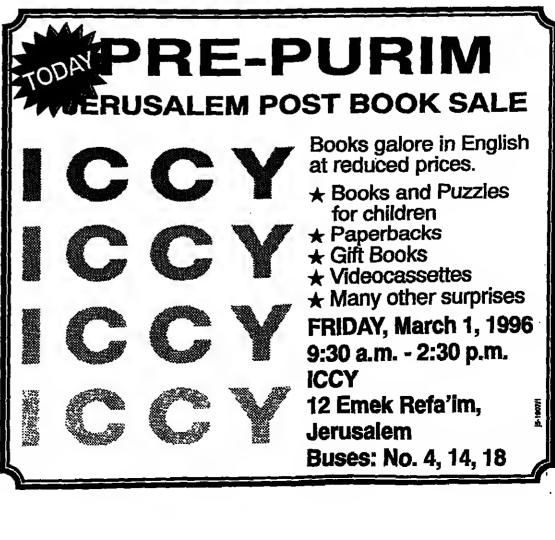
ies lowered into the ground is something concrete and helps the child to come to terms with reality and enables him to mourn."

According to Brom. children have a tendency to turn a traumatic situation into a basic reality, and can suffer difficulties in trying to adapt to another reality.

Parents, says Levy, often pass on their own fears to their children without realizing it, instead of guiding the child and helping him to cope. Brom and Levy both stressed the importance of allowing children to watch the television after such a tragedy occurs. By sending children to their rooms while they [parents] continue watching television, parents are teaching their children to become more secretive, says Levy. "A child may feel he is being punished if he is sent to his room as his parents watch television. A parent should accompany him and sit with him and not leave him alone," she notes.

Stein says "talk, tears and time" are all part of the normal process in releasing pent-up emotions. The public should be encouraged. to come forward and seek advice and not try to overcome their feelings on their own, he says. All the psychologists agreed that the traditional Jewish mourning process. the shiva and shloshim, enable people to come to terms with death in a healthy manner.

They also stressed the importance of seeking professional advice if a person feels he is unable to cope.



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Ex-Syrian envoy: Assad doesn't deal

YRIAN President Hafez Assad might not want to meet with Israelis. But Zubeir Diab is one prominent Syrian who bas no problem meeting with Israeli officials and academics.

The 57-year-old Diab is about authentic a product of the Assad regime as you can find. For decades, he served the ruling powers in Damascus. For 12 years he was a functionary in the ruling Baath Party. He also served as a newspaper editor and a member of the security forces.

But bis focus bas heen on Israel. "I have been a student of Israeli politics for the last 25 years," Diab says in a telephone interview from bis home in London. "I am in the peace camp of the Labor Party and Meretz. The welfare of Israet depends on living in peace with the Arahs."

Diah's last post in the regime was as a diplomat at the Syrian Embassy in London. In 1985 he was refused a promotion and decided to remain in Britain, where he eventually hecame a citizen. He bas not returned to Damascus for several years hut his wife resides in the Syrian capital and he remains in close touch with the regime.

"I criticize them hut they for-

give me," he says. Since 1992, Diah has been in an academic dialogue with Israelis. They have included those close to both the Labor and Likud parties, including Ha aretz military commentator Ze'ev Schiff, Joseph Alpber, Dore Gold, Moshe Maoz and

Aharon Levran. Last year, he participated in a conference hosted hy Bar-llan University's BESA Center for Strategic Studies. He has, however, refused several Otherinvitations to visit Israel.

Most of his Israeli interlocutors have fond memories of Diab. But despite his frank criticism of the Syrian regime, the Israelis are convinced that he faithfully represents its positions.

"He thinks he represents the Baathists better than they do in Damascus," Levran, a former researcher at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for

Strategic Studies says. For his part, Diah is amused hy what he terms the Israeli misunderstanding of Assad, particu-larly that of Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Assad, Diab says. wants peace, hut does not share the prime minister's vision of a new Middle East without borders.

The first misunderstanding, Diab says, concerns Assad's negotiating style. In sport, be n't negotiate. "When Assad gives a conces-, toward Israel. sion which is procedural, it is to "The whole esprit de corps in make the Americans bappy," be the army is Palestine," Diah says. "But it is misinterpreted by says. "You can't say everything

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Former diplomat Zuheir Diab says Israelis misunderstand the country's leader, **Steve Rodan** reports

Israeli decision-makers who think they can press for more. The more you press Assad the more be'll resist."

Bernard Lewis, the renowned American historian who has taught at Princeton University

and London University, agrees. "The Israeti demand for normalization is either unreasonable or illogical," he said in an address this week in Jerusalem sponsored hy the B'nai B'rith World Center. "Normalization demands being normal. What is normal for Syria? Asking for open horders with Syria is not normalized relations. It's privileged relations. Asking for normal relations is totally unrealistic. If the Israelis get it, every-hody will ask for it."

ISRAELI diplomatic sources following the talks say Assad bas gone hack on every one of the understandings he reached with Israel over the past eight months. It was this, they say, that hrought Peres to the realization that early Israeli elections would not affect negotiations. "As we see it, Assad can easi-

ly wait another year regardless of when we schedule elections," one diplomatic source says.

Diab says Assad has not made any promises he can't keep. Take Israel's demands for normalization with Syria which, Diab says, Assad has accepted in principle.

The problem is the timing and how it is done," be says. "If Assad goes too fast, he tells his power bases that he is like Sadat or Mubarak. I know this is difficult for Israelis to accept. I tell the Israelis that they don't want to see you now in Damascus."

Assad's power bases, Diab says, are primarily the army and the security services. They will end up determining Assad's successor, which he hopes will he his son Bashar, a prospect Diab considers unlikely.

With 12 divisions, the Syrians bave a hnge military and there are divergent alliances within

will get better and we'll all love each other. It won't work in Syria." Assad's other power base is the Baath Party. Diab says about

500,000 Baath functionaries control every level of Syrian bureaucracy, and they too, are united hy a hatred of Zionism. "They will immediately brand Assad as a traitor," Diab says, referring to normalization with

Israel. "In all Baath resolutions, there is not one mention of normalization." "Most of the Israelis I have spoken to think Assad is a dictator who can order anything he wants," Diah says. "Their opti-mism is misplaced if they think

because Egypt agreed to normalization and Jordan agreed, the Syrians will as well. The Syrians are very arrogant. In their eyes, the Egyptians and Jordanians are all traitors."

Diah says after the Cairo declaration last year the Syrian military leadership urged Assad to slow down his rapprochement toward Israel. Assad apparently agreed and is using the Israeli elections to improve his negotiating posture.

But time will not change Assad's positions, Diah says. One area is borders - despite Assad's awareness that the difference between the Israeli and Syrian position on a full withdrawal from the Golan amounts to only several hundred meters. Arms reduction is another area

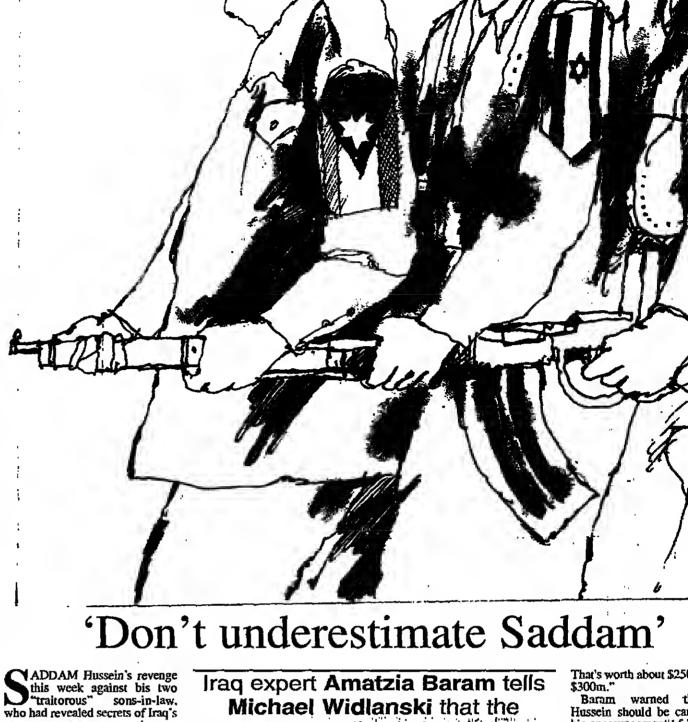
that Syria will not even consider, despite Peres's call for a Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction. "There won't be arms control in the next generation," Diah says. "Anybody who talks about

arms control in the Middle East is a yo-yo. So what is Assad offering Israel?

"He can offer right now nonbelligerency, recognition and respect for territorial integrity," Diab says. "This is what he calls objective requirements of peace - if you declare that you will go hack to the 1967 lines. But if you want an emhassy tomorrow,

that's out of the question." So, Assad will continue with the peace process without conceding anything of substance, Diah says. Despite Washington's decision to keep Syria on the list of nations that sponsor terror-ism, Assad bas high bopes that the US will eventually help Damascus both politically and financially while persuading Israel that Assad's current offer is the best it will obtain. "Peres thinks he can get away

with not returning to the 1967 lines," Diab says. "Assad has



weapons programs, caused many dictator still is a threat to here to worry that this was not the Israel and Jordan end of the matter but the beginning of another Saddamian attack

> unseat Saddam, and the Jordanian monarch even welcomed a small splinter group to set up a base in Amman. "I am pretty sure that what hap-

and be doesn't want anything from King Hussein. 'You have to be careful about not

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provoking Saddam too much. If I were in the king's shoes, I would

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him," said Baram, noting

Saddam's pragmatic analysis

would have to include the fact

that 80% of Iraq's foreign curren-

cy comes via Jordan, which pur-

chases 70,000 barrels per day of

This was about 80% of Iraqi

petroleum production, and an

Iraqi-Jordanian crisis would nec-

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"Of course it's mutual depen-dence, hut it's clear who needs

'Remember, every time an Iraqi

diplomat goes abroad, he has to go

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That's worth about \$250 million to \$300m."

Hussein should be careful about his encouragement hf Iraqi opposition groups. The king has now allowed an opposition group to be positioned on Jordanian territory; that's a lim-

ited declaration of war." Baram said King Hussein would probably not have been so bold if

he had not been assured US and Israeli protection.

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but his credibility on this. The only thing is that Assad thinks that the Americans will deliver in the end. He says that Clinton is a very good guy but the [American] system is pro-Zionist."

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revenge on those who had hosted the men or benefited from their information: Jordan, Israel and the US

plan.

After last week's execution, an irate King Hussein said that he would help Iraqi rebels try to

Because defectors Hussein

Kamel and Saddam Kamel Hassan

had been sheltered by Jordan, ana-

lysts said, it was likely that

Saddam would now try to exact

pened was preplanned," declared Prime Minister Abdel-Karim Kabariti, who. along with King Hussein, denounced Saddam in the strongest terms.

Some American and Israeli analysts said that Saddam might then try to destabilize Jordan across their common border or even to contribute to acts of terrorism and assassination.

If that happened, they said, Israel, which defended Jordan from Syrian threats in 1970, might then find itself in a confrontation with Saddam again.

What would this mean for Israel: more terror, aid to Hamas or even the launching of Scuds? One of Israel's top experts on

Iraq, Prof. Amatzia Baram, said in an interview this week with the Post that he thought the fears were exaggerated, although it was best not to underestimate Saddam's abilities or his harreds.

"IT DOESN'T endanger the king. but it all depends what the king does." said Baram, chairman of the Middle Eastern history department at Haifa University. "If [King Hussein] plays it cool

and it does not escalate, then Saddam got everything he wants [the execution of he defectors], have said the same thing. I think He said open Iraqi-Jordanian the king had to say what be said," Going beyond the barsh rhetoric and organizing activities against Saddam would be a different order

border strife was not likely, but assassination attempts could not be ruled out if the king continued to escalate anti-Saddam policies. "The risk right now is limited," he of "provocation" in the eyes of the said "Still, Saddam needs the king a

Should Israelis worry? "We cannot defend the king against assassins and demonstrations, but we can defend him against Iraqi attacks, I think he counts on us a lot.

"I think the danger of Scuds is very slight, and [Iraq] would pay a very heavy price, although there is

has six missiles. He may have a few more, hut they're rusty. He still has some teeth: some missiles "cutting off his nose to spite his and some planes.

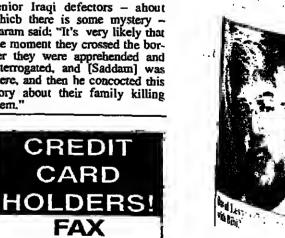
'Our Defense Ministry does not believe he has any missile launchers, hut I say he may still have the ability to produce them," cautioned Baram.

Asked about the fate of the two via Jordan. Their whole link with senior Iraqi defectors - ahout the outside world is through which there is some mystery ~ Jordan. That's very important for Baram said; "It's very likely that the moment they crossed the border they were apprehended and "JORDAN," BARAM continued. interrogated, and [Saddam] was "needs to sell industrial products there, and then he concocted this story about their family killing them." to Iraq. Ahout 70% of Jordan's

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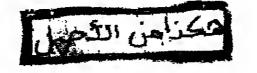
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Eilat hasn't quite made up its mind yet

vided by distance from the rest of Israel and a virtually extra-territorial miodset, residents of Eilat looking toward the upcoming elections present a clear picture - of confusion.

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"Every day people who have supported Likud and Tsomet are seesawiog," says the man bebind the counter io the Jerusalem Souvenir shop, who prefers to remain nameless. "Every day people change their minds, especially if there are terrorist acts like this week.

Almost all of the dozen Eilatis buttonholed in a random survey said they had not yet decided for whom to vote even though they all expressed strong political opinions. Despite the seeming ambiguity, however, the impres-sion that emerges from this tradi-tionally Likud-leaning outpost at the start of the political campaign is that the parameters of the political debate in Israel have shifted markedly leftward. Almost all the normally right-wing voters inter-

viewed had clearly internalized the peace process and come to accept it not only as unavoidable but desirable. The seesawing is not about whether the process should go forward, but about which of the major parties should be entrusted with the task,

"I've always voted Likud," says David Assean, 29, behind the counter of his family's laundromat, "but I've moderated my

'We all used to be more right wing

because the situation was different...

Even the left was

more right.'

views since the murder of Yitzhak Rabin. That doesn't mean I'm going to vote Labor. I still don't know how I'm going to vote. Both the right and left want peace. There's no other way. We were in a situation where we had a

A street survey of Eilat residents finds them as undecided as the rest of the nation on how to vote, Abraham Rabinovich writes

war every 10 years and we had to put an end 10 that. It's only a matter of which road to take.

The peace arrived at with Jordan is significant for Assean. "I was born in Eilat and I always wondered what Eilat would look like from Aqaba. Now I've been there and seen it." Peace with the Palestinians, he understands, will almost certainly be less idyllic. "I don't believe we'll have real peace with the Palestinians but I want to give it a chance."

Romy David, a saleswoman in a hakery, says she had intended to vote for Likud undI the murder of Rabin. "That was the most disgusting thing that ever happened in this country." She will not vote for Likud's Binyamin Netanyahu. she says. "because I don't think he wants peace." While true peace with the Palestinians is unlikely,

she says, "anything is better than war." However, she says she won't decide for whom to vote until close to election day. "I want to hear what everyone has to say." The bakery owner, Robi Vishniak, was a Tsomet voter likewise cast into uncertain political orhit by the dramatic events of the past two years. "We all used to be more right wing because the situation was different," he says. "Even the left was more right" He says he would have voted

this time for Rabin, but finds it difficult to vote for Shinton Peres. "He's not credible." As for Netanyahu, "he's not ripe." In the know." end, though, he will have to make a choice between the two. "It's the man that's important, not the plat-

form. Dilemma is not only the province of the right-wing. Noam, a solid-looking citizen in his forties who declined to otherwise be identified, says he has always voted Labor but is not sure how he will vote this time. "I'm debating between the peace process and security. We've got to move forward in the process but in a more deliberate way. I think we're running too fast. We must pause at every step and examine how the Palestinians are honoring their commitments before we take the next step. We're not doing that." Might he vote this time for Likud? "It's reasonable to assume that I won't vote for the right but I don't

It was clear just from looking at Mordechai Ben-Lulu as he emerged from a grocery that the black-garbed young follower of Shas would be spared soulsearching on election day.

Whatever Rabbi Ovadia says, we will do," he says of Shas leader Ovadia Yosef. What about his own political views? "I don't want a Palestinian state but I'm willing to give up the West Bank for peace," says Ben-Lulu, who heads a Shas yeshiva in Eilat. "I'm against coming down from the Golan because that will only bring war closer."

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change their minds, especially if there are terrorist acts like

this week.'

Egyptian border, local Egged bus driver Yitzhak Cohen is engaged in political grousing with one of the passengers behind him, apparently a long-ome acquaintance. "First of all, the state of Israel has to decide what it wants," says

Cohen. "We are all the time reacting to events. We never decide what kind of state we want, what borders, what are our war aims. I don't care if they decide that half the country will go to the Palestinians and half to the Jews, or that the Palestinians get threequarters or that the Jews get it all. But decide and be tough about it." Cohen, 62, says he has always voted for the right. The problem is that none of the right-wing par-

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"I m for peace but at the cheapest price we can get it," says Cohen, as he gives change to three tourists. "The right will make peace too hut maybe for a cheaper price."

The problem, he says, is that people are interested only in obtaining "villas and Mitsubishis" and the country no longer inter-ests them. "That's why the Arabs are screwing us because they do want a state." As his interlocutor descended from the bus Cohen shouted an encouraging farewell. The Arabs will also be wanting villas and Mitsubishis."

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THE WEEK THAT WAS MICHAL YUDELMAN

We believed it could last. - That subdued air of unity and opposition immediately after the devastating terrorist attacks would surely give way to renewed campaign hostilities.

Nooctheless, politicians from both sides admitted that the atmosphere of unity, no matter how frail or contrived, did belp to maintain some national sanity while the bereaved mourned and the rest of the country avoided quarrels and street brawls. Astute thinking by Likud leader

Binyamin Netanyahu, with support from Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, for the most part kept politics out of the tragedy, winning Bibi rare praise from coalitioo leaders and some points in the

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noted that Bibi's order to his people to hold fire against the government during the funerals, not to. hold demonstrations and not to

Bibi had also called Levy "a Likud senior surrounded by a criminal gang" during the "siz-zling cassette" affair and continues to see him mainly as a nuisance. If allowed to return to Likud, there would be oo end to his demands

Besides, Bibi was not at all fazed by the two or three mandates he might lose to Levy - his pollsters predicted no more than that - since he boped to replace them by the same number from the ethnic Russians.

Yet this week the experts were confounded by swirling rumors that Bibi was intensely wooing Levy via the good offices of that renowned matchmaker Arik Sharon.

All had changed. No price was too great. Number two on the Likud list. David? No problem, Seveo reserved Knesset slots? Sure, Dave, Foreign minister in my next government? For you, my boy, why not? Anything else? Just oame it. My door is always open. So it's Levy and Bibi for the buppa: purr wedding lovers. Just as soon as the terms of the ketuba are settled. Er, could we have that in writing, please?

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disturb Prime Minister Shimoo Peres's Knesset speech, had the desired effect.

Abandoning his former practice of shooting from the hip at any available television camera. Bibi emerged dignified and statesmanlike. And Peres was in general spared the kind of enraged onsignation on the second seco terror attacks.

The public too got the message , and their mature reaction was more like that of the people of I Loodon or Paris facing terrorist attack than we are used to seeing in Israel.

L Equally important, the leaders' , responsible behavior instantly deflated the sails of would-be rabble-rousers.

E Some were there as usual, even a before the bodies were removed. a screaming hatred and incitement. But this ome, it just never got off the ground.

- That day Bibi arrived at Metzudat Ze'ev in the same car as MK Dan Meridor. Likud wags explained this had a moderating

o affect on him.



David Levy: Off to the happa (Media Images) with Bibi?

MATCHMAKER, MATCHMAKER

-Up to this week suggestions that David Levy might return to the Likud would raise only scoffs and derisioo m both camps.

Levy's people said, why should he, if he can run his own party and then become a minister in either a Labor or a Likud coalition on his own terms. How could he commit to the Likud after so recently saying it has oo ideology, no alternative and no heritage?

Then there is Levy's personal hospility to Bibi - a much strooger factor than any ideological differ-ences. The two simply could not work togeneer, right? On Bibl's side, the cootempt

was hardly any less. Those in the know said he had absolutely no intention of enticing the quartel-some Levy back to Likud - not after all the trouble he had getting rid of him.

POLL POWER

So what could bave changed Levy's mind just days after launching his new party, Gesher (bridge)? Bridge to Bibi?

What happened to all that lofty Bridge between rich and poor, religious and secular, left and right, etc., etc., which Levy said last week is absolutely crucial to Israeli society?

All gone - a footnote, perhaps, in the Guinness Book of Records as the shortest bridge ever built. In that final analysis, so dear to a politician's heart, seven Knesset seats in the hand are worth 10 in the bush.

Then there are the daydreams foreign minister again, triumphant return to Likud as a winner, Bibi on his knees. No sunrise of burning ideology over a new bridge could match such a warm glow.

On the day of the terrorist attacks in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, instant polls indicated a dramatic surge in Bibi's directon. Now if the polls indeed showed Bibi running neck and neck with Peres, and Levy's joining Likud would boost Bibi even further. that is a difference that casts a new light on everything.

And for Bibi, a pact with Levy would remove the last obstacle to a ooe-round showdown against Peres for prime minister, not to mention strengthening both the Likud and his status with Likudniks.

There remains only the small matter of rumbles and grumbles in the Likud.

Slot number two for Levy and seven realistic places on the Likud list leaves incumbent Likud MKs who have already been nudged down the list to accommodate Raful and the seven Tsomet dwarfs - only 25 realistic places. "If you want to be prime minis-

ter, this is the price," Sharoo told Bibi.

Maybe one small price for a Bibi, but one giant leap into oblivioo for many loyal Likudniks.

Then there are Tsomet's strong objections to making changes in a done deal - reshuffling its placements to make room for Levy's lot. Raful thinks be has made enough sacrifices - he abandoned

his bid for prime minister and slipped down from oumber two to three on the list.

Does anyooe hear a cry of "enough already"?



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TRAVEL

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'Little Jerusalem' in Tuscany

Karen **Burshtein** discovers the rich Jewish history of an isolated Italian village

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ERCHED high atop a mass of red volcanic rock in southern Tuscany, overlooking three valleys, the village of Pitigliano seems to burst from the rock on which it is built. Newly painted signs on the winding roads leading up to the vil-lage point the way to Pitigliano's synagogue, its subterranean matza bakery and kosher winery. For close to 400 years, this isolated village bad a Jewish community so prominent and vibrant that it was known as piccola Gerusalemme, Little Jerusalem. The road signs are part of a new campaign by the municipality to promote that Jewish beritage. Pitigliano has recently reconstructed its beautiful synagogue. which had lain in ruins since World War II.

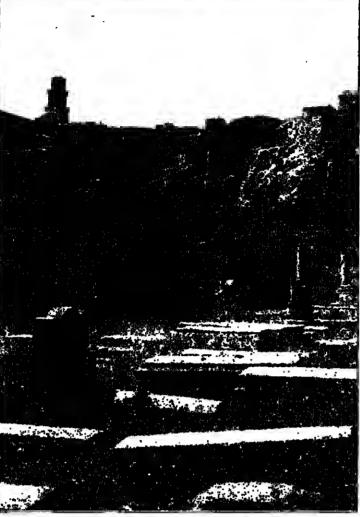
The reconstructed synagogue was inaugurated in a moving ceremony last spring.

In the 16th century Italian Jews began to escape from papal discrimination by crossing the Tuscan border. Before long Pitigliano became known as a city of refuge. Local bistorian Giuseppe Celeta, author of *The Jews in Pitigliano*, relates that the first Jews to settle in the village were a doctor. David de Pomis, in 1555, and a moneylender in 1561.

In 1649, pope Innocent X ordered the destruction of the city of Castro, a Jewish stronghold, and the number of Jews seeking refuge in Pitigliano rose significantly. Eventually more than 10 percent of the village's population was Jewisb. (The proportion of Jews in Italy is less than one in 1,000.)

According to Celata: "The Jews of Pitigliano lived for the most part in a climate of liberty and tolerance and were highly integrated into the local population." Jews were involved in all aspects of village life. A 1938 census shows Jewish bus drivers,"





Remnants of Pitigliano's once-vibrant Jewish community still abound. Top, the interior of a synagogue, which boasts a sign commemorating a visit by grand dukes of Tuscany; the Jewish cemetery at the foot of Pitigliano. (Karen Burshicin)

doctors, factory workers, bankers, farmers, merchants and teachers.

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the ticket is \$3,599 and for first

The community retained its Jewish heritage. In addition to the matza bakery, it boasted Jewish schools. a university,

libraries and a cemetery. In her 1981 book The Classic Cuisine of the Italion Jews, (Giro Press, NY) Edda Servi-Machlin. daughter of the village's last rabbi, relates how Hebrew words entered the Pitiglianese dialect. The word Adonai is heard in folk songs, and the less lofty zona (whore) became part of the local slang, Moreover, Jewish recipes made their way into the local cuisine

The synagogue was built in 1598. Photos of the original design helped the 10-year reconstruction project which was financed by the municipality.

The structure's facade is built in the Renaissance style. The interior is pristine white with fine gold baroque ornamentation and engravings, and elaborate wood carvings. A large blue-and-gold ceiling mural depicts the Ten Commandments.

At the inauguration. Italy's Cbief Rabbi. Elio Toaff, installed the ark's new Torah scroll and curtain. (The two original ark curtains are now in Karmiel and in New York's Jewish Museum). At the entrance, plaques in Hebrew and Italian commemorating the visits to the synagogue of the grand dukes of Tuscany in the 17th and 18th centuries, bang once again.

The synagogue will serve as a Jewish museum. To visit, call the municipality first.

Also recently restored is the Jewish cemetery at the bottom of the village. Its tombs are dug into the tufa rock and its ornate tomb-stones date back 400 years. It can be visited by descending a new cypress-lined marble staircase built over the original terraced terrain

Piugliano is known for the quality of its wine. The local winery bottles two kosher wines, a sweet red and a dry white called Piccola Gerusalemme.

The bottles' labels feature a picture of the synagogue and a resumé of the village's Jewisb history

SITUATED IN a remote corner of the region, Piugliano is that rarest of things - a lovely Tuscan village not besieged by tourists and unhampered by modernization. Give or take the odd Vespa motor scooter leaning against the medieval walls, it is easy to get the feeling, as you walk about the tranquil village, that you are seeing it much as it was in the 16th

In addition to its unique Jewish history, Pitigliano has much else on offer.

Like much of southern Tuscany, Pitigliano has unearthed its Etruscan heritage. Etruscan burial sites were discovered outside the town's walls and artifacts are on display at the new Archeological Museum. It is also worth visiting the

Etruscan tombs, many of which are used as storehouses for Piligliano's wine and first-rate olive oil.

The main square, Piazza Garibaldi, is a good place from which to start exploring the village and its clustered medieval houses wedged against the cliffs. At the edge of the village, the view is dramatic. And look out for the spectacular aqueduct.

If you are lucky, shops might stock the Pitiglianese speciality, billo - a "ham" actually made from turkey, and an example of the Jewish influence on

vived the Holocaust (many were hidden by families in the surrounding countryside), but in the 1950s the majority of the community left for the big cities. According to Servi-Machlin. today there are only three Jewisb families left.

Servi-Machlin bemoans the reopening of the synagogue for what she sees as merely the town's profit. "What is the point of reconstructing a synagogue in a town which has no Jews left?" she asks, adding that the municipality's project risks turning Pitigliano into a "Jewisb theme park.

Municipality spokesman An-gelo Mazzdi disagrees: "Pingliano's Jewish history cannot be separated from Pitigliano's history as a whole. We rebuilt the synagogue in order not to forget the past."

And Jarach Bedarica, one of Pitigliano's few remaining Jews, says. "In many countries in Europe with once thriving Jewish populations the empty syna-gogues are being turned into everything from laundromats to billiard halls. If, sadly, the human heritage is gone and we can pre-serve the historical heritage, we should?



A visitor takes advantage of Ein Yael's hands-on approach with a little foot action.

'Living museum' allows tourists to get into the grit

HAIM SHAPIRO

IN YAEL, once an isolated E and remote and "living excavation and "living and remote archeological museum," now seems as if it is about to be swallowed up by Jerusalem as the city expands.

The site is located on what is now the temporary bypass road to Gush Etzion, only a few minutes from the Jerusalem Mall and overlooking the Fisch Jerusalem Biblical Zoo and a vast stretch of new housing. Road signs from the mall direct drivers to both the bypass road and Ein Yael.

Although the signs pointing to Ein Yael all identify it as a living museum, it is also an archeological site which would be a major attraction anywhere other than a place like Jerusalem.

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the villa is an area where those inspired by the mosaics above can try to work in this medium. The mosaics studio is just one of a series of practical workshops where children and adults alike can try a bands-on approach to ancient crafts.

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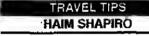
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Ein Yael has even had a visit from a group of Native Americans who:came to teach their own traditional crafts. Edelstein hopes # that there will be a yearly visit by a group from abroad.

Visitors can start, perhaps, with the most ancient of these crafts, basket-weaving, which Edelstein says is the oldest craft known to man. They can help with the farming, on ancient terraces, or participate in a building project. Other available crafts are weaving and pottery-making. The ceramid production is especially impressive, with a series of troughs in which the mud is refined to become fine clay. For those who come in the fall; there is a working oil press and a wine press, what Edelstein calls "practical archeology." Unless you have actually stomped on the grapes, be says, you cannot understand the feelings of people who lived thousands of years ago. However, he admits that although the farm has actually produced olive oil, it has as yet not made any wine. The process is too complex, he admits, adding that even in the Talmud there are. discussions about what one is to do when wine goes bad. Unfortunately, like other similar, establishments throughout the country. Ein Yael is better equipped to handle groups than random individual visitors. However, the site is open to the public on Shabbat from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will also be open to the public throughout the intermedi-, ate days of Pessah during the same hours. There is a NIS 5. entrance fee, with an additional charge of NIS 8 for participation in any of the worksbops. Just a short way downhill from For information, tel. 02-413257/

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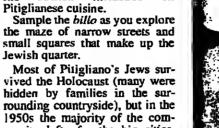
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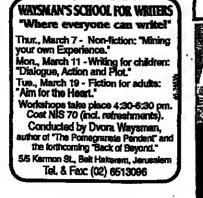
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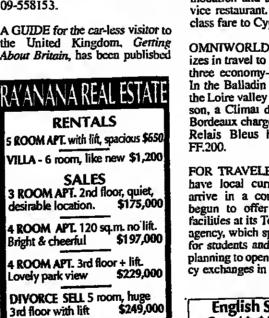
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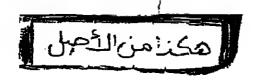
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ogist who excavated the area and founded the museum, explains that a small but steady spring supplies water all year around. Although the site was inhabited for thousands of years, the most impressive remains are those of a Roman villa, probably the residence of the overseer of the farm, established following the suppres-

sion of Bar Kochba's revolt. In the impressive triclinium, or dining room, there is a well-preserved mosaic with the face of Tethis, the sea goddess, surrounded by fish and flanked by two Medusa heads. In the center of the mosaic was a fountain, fed by the waters of the spring, which then flowed down to the farm's irrigation channels.

There are two bathhouses, one in the villa itself, apparently for the owner and his guests, and a second one further down the hill, perhaps for the Roman guards who supervised the work of the slaves. In the second bathhouse, there is a considerable section of preserved wall fresco. There is even a large ornate mosaic "Star of David" although Edelstein is quick to point out that in Roman times this was only a geometric decoration with no Jewish connotation.





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Friday, March 1, 1996

COLUMNS

Final word on 'The Economis

ATS off to The Economist's international editor Stephen Hugh-Jones, last week's guest blumnist who responded to charges in two "Eye on the Media" columns.

The fortunes of The Economist, one of the world's most influential magazines. cannot be affected by what The Erusalem Post or any other newspaper says about it. That Hugh-Jones took the trouble to write a lengthy rebuttal to our accusations is a sign of supreme conscientiousness and exceptional integrity. Only Encyclopaedia Britannica editor Robert McHenry (guest columnist, May 14. 1993) has shown such sensiovity to imputations of bias and distortion.

Nor are Hugh-Jones's responses limit-ed to published criticism. Numerous readers bave reported receiving his detailed replies to letters, faxes and phone calls.

Moreover, despite his apparent inabil-ity to admit error, The Economist has corrected a couple of glaring, if minor, offenses. After receiving complaints from the American media-watch organization CAMERA about avoiding the erm "terrorist" in reports on hus bomb-tags and other attacks on Israelis, it described some outrages as "terrorism." But it has yet to bring itself to call the attackers "terrorists."

While it bas no problem with "IRA terrorists" or "Kurdish terrorists," it does not say "Hamas terrorists." The difference is not accidental. There is a Semantic and a legal distinction between branding a group terrorist and merely marging it with terrorist acts.)

The magazine has also stopped using "Palestine" as a fly-utle over news storips. The dateline on April 1, 1995, was "Nablus, Palestine," On January 27, 1996, it was simply "Ramallah." Even tendencious textual references to "Palestine" (as in "Since he returned to Palestine, Mr. Arafat has carefully nurtured a coalition of military men and Palestine's traditional land-owning class," April 1, 1995) have become rare. All this is good news. The bad news is that on the substantive level Hugh-Jones does not and cannot successfully rebut the charges of bias in news reporting. Incredibly, he seems to have trouble

understanding the nature of the criticism. It has nothing to do with the magazine's editorial stance. The Economist obviously has a perfect right to promote the establishment of a Palestinian state. No one expects Hugh-Jones to be a more ardent Zionist than Sbimoo Peres. But if The Economist purports to

observe journalistic ethics it must not let its political agenda affect its reporting. one of his letters to critics Hugh-Jones writes, "We have argued this point [for a Palestinian state] in our editorials; we neither need nor want to slip it in covertly in our reporting." Yet not a single news story about Israel and the Palestinians - as the two "Eye" columns on The Economist amply demonstrated is free from agenda-driven hias.

That Hugh-Jones confuses news and editorial opinion is apparent from the one and only substantive item in his rebuttal. To my comment that criticism of Arafat is "something bordering on beresy in the magazine's pages," Hugh-Jones replied. "A week earlier we wrote of [Arafat]: 'dictatorial, his finger in every pie.' " But this sentence appeared in an editorial, not n news story.

To cite such a sentence is not only disingenuous; it is downright misleading. For even in this slap at Arafat. The Economist manages to blame Israel for his dictatorial sins. Though he is crio-

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

cized by his own people for creating the elements of a police-state, be has been pushed that way by Israel's insistence that his priority must be to root out ter-rorism," says the editorial about a man who for over a decade ran a ministate in Lebanon which was one of the region's most ruthless dictatorships.

Of course, pointing to bias in Economist editorials is like shooting ducks in a barrel. This same editorial, beaded "Birth of a state," states: "The birth takes place under threatening skies The killing of two Israeli soldiers near Hebron adds to the tension. Bloody-minded Israelis may disrupt voting in East Jerusalem."

Readers must wonder how Israelis keep getting killed without assailants; it must be something like spontaneous combustion. And it is comforting to know that not their attackers are bloody minded, but those vote-disrupting Israelis themselves.

Compare this to a news report - not an editorial - which describes life in Gaza: Three of Mr. Arafat's men were shot dead by Israelis at Rafah crossing point this week, emphasizing its vulnerabili-ty." Undoubtedly out of consideration for its readers' sensibilities, The Economist omits the detail that even by Palestinian accounts these men, one of whom was a wanted terrorist, had opened fire on an Israeli patrol.

Hugh-Jones also seems to have trouble with the term journalistic ethics. Baselessly and gratuitously he brands CAMERA, an organization endorsed by Natan Sharansky and Alan Dershowitz, "a byper-hawkisb US pressure group."

And be complains that I failed to call him before publishing my critique. "So much for Bar-Illan, lecturer in journalistic ethics - or even basic skills," he STICCTS.

But what "Eye on the Media" does is review published articles, not events. To call the editor or author of these articles would be as improper as calling the author of a book under review. Readers of The Economist do not ask the publication for clarifications. What they see is what they get, and that is the only material a critic should examine.

With virtually no exception, Hugh-Jones responds to specific charges with general disclaimers. His defense against the detailed examples of anti-Israel bias is a quote from an Economist editorial: "Israel has as solid a right to exist, secure and recognized, as the United States." (It is almost a safe bet that Israelis believe Britain, too, bas a right to exist; but this would hardly justify distorted Israeli reporting on Britain.)

Hugh-Jones's own opinions, for or against Israel, are irrelevant. But since he persistently brings them up, the fol-lowing letter from Karin McQuillan of Concord, Mass., may be pertinent: "I wrote a letter to the The Economist

protesting their avoidance of the word terrorist for Arab political murder of Israeli civilians and received the most unusual reply: a letter, a two-page fax and a half-hour phone call from international editor Stephen Hugh-Jones. In the course of denying that The Economist has a pro-Palestinian news policy, Hugh-Jones told me that he can nuder-

stand Palestinians killing Jewish civilian men, women and children, not only since 1967, but going back to 1948, and that he would do the same if Britain were invaded. To help me understand, he said Israel's creation was as if an Amazonian Indian tribe were to claim California on the basis of having passed through on their migration from Asia ten thousand years ago. In his next breath, he asserted he respected Israel's right to exist. He wasn't even aware he was saying something immoral or outrageous" No wonder, then, that to the charge that news reporting about Israel, is agenda-driven, Hngh-Jones repeats the ludicrous claim that the Palestinian side had not been properly represented in pre-Oslo days. (Typically, he ignores the facts outed in the "Eye" column: "No head of state ... bas received greater attention, more media exposure and more favorable press than Arafat. Nor has any terrorist organization been treated more sympathetically than the PLO, nor any cause championed with greater ardor than that of the Palestinians...")

Reinforcing his argument, Hugh-Jones assures us that The Economist has two correspondents in the area. "one is Israeli and Jewish, the other neither Arab nor Moslem. What 'bias' does that show?"

Perhaps in Hugh-Jones's circles, being Jewish means you cannot be biased against Israel. But surely be knows that some of "Eye on the Media's" favorite targets are Jews.

And the final clincher is to say, in effect, "we are an independent magazine, you are an interested party. Who is likely to be more biased?" But this is not a reply. The charges are specific, the examples clear. Regardless of their ori-

gin, they demand an answer. Surely. Hugh-Jones would not disqualify himself as a legitimate critic of stories which present Britain as the arch-villain in its conflict with the Irish.

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Specific charges on omissions, too, are dismissed. For stories like the kidnapping by Arafat's police of Palestinian human rights activist Bassam Eid and al-Quds editor Maher Alameh, claims Hugh-Jones, there is simply not enough

But what Hugh-Jones is most sensitive to is what he perceives as a charge of antisemitism. Neither this column nor CAMERA has ever accused him of antisemitism, though there is something to he said for the nooon that applying a double standard to Israel is a form of antisemitism. In defense, Hugh-Jones trots out his "We are all Jews" article in the October 1980 Financial Weekly, following the bombing of a Paris synagogue

Nothing is more fashionable than defending Jews as victims. Even the usually virulent BBC was sympathetic to Israelis when they cowered in sealed rooms under a barrage of Iraqi Scuds, and it was philosemitic to the point of embarrassment in a program about medieval persecution of Jews. It is only when Israel does what it considers vital to its survival that this maudlin sympathy disappears.

Even more irrelevant is Hugh-Jones's statement that at least one in ten of his Economist colleagues is Jewish, and that he lunched at the magazine's dining room both with Britain's "late chief rabbi" (who is alive and well in Israel) and his successor.

Okay, okay, Mr. Hugh-Jones, we know some of your best friends are Jewish. And, yes, you do protest too much.

Why don't we talk about **Zionism and Judaism?**

THE new rabbi has devoted his first sermons to exhorting his flock on such topics as observance of Shabbai and kashrut, the need to give their children a more intensive Jewish education, and the Jewish traditions on family mores, husiness ethics and sexual ethics.

. A delegation of worshipers led by the shul's president asks the rabhi to please change the focus of his sermons: the topics he has been speaking on are - uh - er controversial, and some members and, their families find them

embarrassing and provocative. "What should I speak about?" the rabbi asks.

The president says brightly: "Why don't you just talk about iddishkeit?

A VIEW FROM NOV MOSHE KOHN

January 19). The refrain of that song, on a cassette that was - and perhaps still is - distributed also in Israel, ends with the line: "Zionist, your death is in my hands."

Last Sunday in Jerusalem and Ashkelon we saw bloody examples of how, indeed - as so many people have been saying since Yitzhak Rabin's assassination -

words can kill." In condemning the outrages, Peres, Yasser Arafat, and others again condemned the terrorists as bent on "killing the peace." It isn't the peace they wish to kill, but the Jews, especially the Jews of Eretz

even those in his own party, and especially Orthodox Jews, and hy implying that the government is not responsible for the security of Jews living in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, played a major part in fostering that atmosphere. Peres made his special contribu-

tion by telling a critic who spoke to him in Anglo-accented Hebrew to "Go back where you came from." Rabin followed Peres's lead in reviling American Jews in general, and those living in Israel in particular.

I am not justifying or "explain-ing" the assassin's act. There is no justification for-it, not-even one like former. Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek's admiration of Friedrich Adler, killer of Austria's World War I prime minister, Count Karl Sturgkh, in 1916. Kollek writes in his autobiograpby, For Jerusalem: "I felt a deep admiration for Adler, not because he had killed a man he considered a symbol of tyranny and a menace to his country, but because of his complete identification with his cause [and] his ability to state it and stand for it." Peres continued to ride the assassination hobby-borse when he told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on February 20: "There is no doubt that there are people who want to murder ministers in Israel... thousands... are planning, or are ready, to murder ministers." Is this not incitement? So I see nothing morally wrong with that inane jingle allegedly composed by an anonymous group of supporters of Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, "I'm sorry about Rabin of blessed memory, and I'm voting for Bibi." In any event, not voong for Rabin's program or its executors. Rabin's assassination has not changed the fact that under his and Peres's leadership we embarked on a course that a very large part of the population thinks is a unilateral-concession process, not a peace process. The only apparent change is Peres's speeding up the process, except for the lemporary suspension Sunday's victims were buried. till Rabin's assassination has not changed the faci that the Rahin/Peres program is opposed in the Knesset by a majority of the MKs who support the Jewish and/or Zionist character of Israel. Let the candidates talk about that and about the kind of integrity and justice it calls for.



I was reminded of this not-soapocryphal tale by the sanctimonious urgings of some Labor politicians to keep certain issues out of the election campaign, because, they passionalely protest, the government and the nation - at least the Jewish sector T1 are in one accord on those issues.

One of the central issues in this alleged messianic consensus is the integrity of Jerusalem. The consensus purportedly rejects all the ideas that have been mooted for the capital's redivision, such as: administratively. by dividing the city into semi-autonomous boroughs; politically, by permitting the PLO to establish the seat or branches of its Palestine National Authority (PNA) in "Undivided Jerusalem".

We have seen the government's majestic forbearance regarding a wide range of PLO/PNA presences and activities in Jerusalem. and regarding PLO/PNA viola-tions of the Oslo accords regarding not only us, but also their own "subjects," and not only in the autonomous areas, but even in Jerusalem.

We have heard government spokesmen and supporters of its policy again and again dismiss vile anti-Israel slanders and bellicose pronouncements by PNA/PLO officials us being 'mere words" or "for intemal consumption only."

Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres himself dismissed a murderous song peaising Force 17, Arafat's private militia, saying: "There are those who sing and those who shool, I'm checking out those who shout" (The Jerusalem Post,

Yisrael. THE ELECTION purists of the left bave also urged that the assas-sination is an incitive issue that should not be dragged into the election campaign.

That is a most reasonable and honorable suggestion, which no respectable politician could reject, if Peres hadn's launched his and the Labor Party's election campaign in the unconscionable manner he did.

I refer to his opening his February 11 official announcement calling for early elections with an appeal to passions and to near-universal guilt feelings among Jews over the assassination by recapitulating Rabin's last moments in almost ghoulish detail.

The only relevance Peres's necrology had to his announcement was as an indirect appeal to people's penchant for establishing guilt by association, and in such instances also righteousness by association.

In effect, he reminded the public that he, Shimon Peres, the valiant, peace-pursuing Yitzhak Rabin's partner and now heir to his poliocal manile, was imposing elections on the public before the scheduled time only because the valiant, peace-pursuing Yitzhak Rabin had been murdered by a member of the right-wing, soilworshiping "ann-peace" camp.

lf, as Peres and his colleagues contend, this necrology was not cynical exploitation of Rabin's murder, then neither is it cynical to recall the atmosphere of prevarication and delegitimization in which the murder occurred.

Rabin himself. with his vilification in foul language of all critics,

preceding Purim is called Shabbat Zachor, on which we read the commandment to remember what the nation of Amalek did to us when we left Egypt, initiating a heartless attack from the rear aimed at the weak and the sick, the women and children (Deuteronomy 25). Interestingly enough, the battle itself appears early in Exodus, closing a narrative sequence that opens with the crossing of the Red Sea and culminates with Moses striking the rock at Horeb: "And then came Amalek and fought with Israel And it came to pass, when Moses lifted up bis hand that Israel prevailed, and when he let down his hand Amalek prevailed. And God said to Moses: 'Write this for a memorial in the book for 1 will utterly blot out [emhe] the memory of Amalek from under (Exodus 17:8-15)

THE Sabbath immediately

heaven." Here the attack appears in context, but this is not so in Deuteronomy, where the refer-ence to Amalek appears in the closing verses of a portion rich with 27 positive and 47 negative commandments. And then, seemingly out of nowhere, the Torah gives us the final commandment: "Remember what Amalek did to you by the way, when you were coming out of Egypt, how he met you by the way and smote your hindmost - all who were feehle in the rear when you were faint and weary, and feared not God. Therefore it shall be, when the Lord your God has given you rest



SHABBAT SHALOM SHLOMO RISKIN

from all your enemies round about ... you shall blot out [timhe] the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." (Deuteronomy 25:17-19)

A NUMBER of questions are raised by these passages:

· The passage in Deuteronomy, with its details about the attack, seems more appropriate for the reading right before Purim than that in Exodus, which merely stresses that Moses' bands were held aloft.

· In Exodus, God tells Moses, "I will blot out the memory of Amalek," while in Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people "you shall blot out Amalek." Who will actually destroy Amalek?

Moses uses a puzzling phrase in telling the Israelites to erase the memory of Amalek: "... it shall be when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies ... you shall hlot out the remembrance of Amalek." (Deuteronomy 25:19) If Amalek is still our enemy, then what kind of rest are we enjoying?

· Finally, wby is there a special Sabbath for "remembering Amalek" when in a few days we'll be commemorating the destruction the infamous Jew-hater. of

Haman, descendant of Amalek? To answer these questions, let's first turn to Maimonides's Laws of Kings. This is where be first codi-

fies the commandment to destroy the seven indigenous nations in Canaan, and concludes that this directive is now obsolete since their identity "has been lost." Yet when Maimonides codifies the commandment to destroy Amalek, he does not mention a word about its identity baving been lost. (Ch. 5, laws 4, 5)

On this basis, Rabbi Haim of Brisk distinguished between the pbysical nation of Amalek. that once lived near Canaan and the concept of evil identified with Amalek, whose goal is to destroy Israel and its unique message for the world.

With this in mind, our two passages make more sense.

The verses in Exodus describe a physical Amalek attacking a defenseless people for no apparent reason. Thus threatened, the Israelites had to counterattack. Along with waging the battle, there must be genuine prayer. And so the message in this passage concerns war and prayer.

BUT AMALEK is also an ideology that denies Israel's unique mission of perfecting the world. The spiritual heirs of Amalek include the Nazis, the Soviet communists and Moslem fundamentalists.

And if Amalekism is any concept which defies the uniqueness of Israel, then it can even rear its ugly head from within the Jewish nation itself. As the prophet teaches: "Those who would uproot us and destroy us emanate from our very innards.

Israelites will always be vulnerable to Amalekite propaganda from within if they lose sight of their national goal of Jewish statehood, and its accompanying ideal. that "from Zion shall come forth Torah and the word of God from Jerusalem."

"And they cut off all those lagging to the rear, and you were ored and exhausted." People never tire from rigorous activity on behalf of a clear goal. When one loses that sense of purpose, however, then tiredness and even exhaustion set in. Without a sense of Divine destiny at its center, Israel will have been vanquished and Amalek will have succeeded.

Therefore it shall be when the Lord God bas given you rest from all your enemies round about ... that you shall blot out the message of Amalek."

When you are finally in the Land of Israel, you are most vulnerable to Amalek's blandishments. "We want to be a nation ike all other nations," you say to yourselves at every opportunity. We yearn for material success and physical comforts. We are interested in relaxation rather than repentance, in Madonna rather than Maimonides. We're living in the post-Zionist age, which chooses Hong Kong over holiness!"

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Polgar sisters make history

NICK KOPALOFF

ungary's Zsuzsa Polgar last week won the world women's title as she defeated China's world champion Xie Jun in their 16-match series in the Spanish city of Jaen. Polgar secured victory after game 13 with an unsurpassable score of 8.5-4.5.

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Xie Jun became world champion in 1991 when she wrested the title from Georgia's Maya Chiburdanidze. Her triumph put an end to 41 years of Soviet domination of women's chess.

Although basking in her success, Zsuzsa, the oldest of three Jewish chess-playing sisters, is only technically the No. 1 woman player. Her sister Judith is over 100 points higher than her in the ratings. But Judith has ardently refused to participate in all-women events. This decision is perhaps justified as FIDE's January 1996 rankings list Judith as the 10th best player in the world - the highest placing ever attained by a woman.

Local chess officials are hoping that Israel will get quite a hit of mileage from Zsuzsa Polgar's victory. Polgar's coach is one of Israel's top players, former Soviet champioo Lev Psakhis. Moreover, Zsuzsa recently married an Israeli and so could well choose to take up Israeli citizenship. This would give Israel its fifth-ever world champion, having recorded four previous successes at junior levels.

NO DECISION has been reached as to the date and venue for FIDE's world championship match between Anatoly Karpov and Gata Kamsky. The winner of that duel is expected to play PCA champion Garry Kasparov in a reunification match. Karpov and Kamsky gave a preview of the battle in store as they came out even in this grueling game from last year's Groningen classic. Karpov eventually won the tournament.

Kamsky, Gata - Karpov, Anatoly

Groningen 1995 Caro-Kann

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5. Kamsky chooses one of the most aggressive lines against Karpov's favourite

choice of opening. 3...Bf5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Be2 Ne7 6.0-0 Bg6 7.Nbd2 c5 8.c4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nec6 10.N263 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Be7 12.Be3 0-0 13.Rc1 a6 14.a3 Qe8 15.Ba2 Kh8 16.Re1 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Nc6 18.Qg4 Rc8 19.h4 h6 20.Bb6 Nb8 21.Bc7? Qd7| 22.Ba5 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rc8 24.Bc3 Nc6 25.Bb3

Bc5 26.Rd1 Qe7 27.h5 Bh7 28.Qf4 Qc7 29.Rd2 Kg8 30.Kh2 Rd8 31.Bc2 Bxc2 32.Rxc2 Qb6 33.064 Rd5 34.b4 Be7 35.0e4 Bd8 36.44 Qc7 37.43 Qd7 38.Ke2 Bc7 39.Re2 Ne7 40.Qc4 Bb6 41.25 Bc7 42.g4 Nc6 43.Re4 Bd8 44.Ne1 Be7 45.Nc2?

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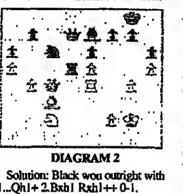
DIAGRAM 1 45...Nra5!! 46.bra5 Rc5 47.Qd4. Both 47.Qb3 and 47.Qb4 fail to 47...Qc6 regaining the piece with advantage

47 ... Oxd4 48.Rxd4 Rxc3 49.Ne3 Kf8 50.Kf3 Ke8 51.Ke4 Rb3 52.Nc4 Bc5 53.Rd2Rb4 54.Kd3 Rb3+ 55.Ke4 Rb4 56.Kd3 Kd7 57.Kc3+ Ke7 58.f3 Rb1 59.Kc2 Rb4 60.Kc3 Rb5 61.Ra2 f6 62.ex16+ gx16 63.f4 Bb4+ 64.Kd3 Rd5+ 65.Ke4 Bc3 66.Ke3 Bd4+ 67.Kl3 Rb5 68.Ke4 Ba7 69.Ra3 f5+ 70.gxf5 exf5+ 71.Kf3 Ke6.

Karpov is a pawn up but cannot hammer home his advantage against Kamsky's stubborn resilience.

72.Rd3 Bc5 73.Rd8 Rh3+ 74.Kg2 Rb4 75.Ne5 Rxf4 76.Nd3 Rg4+ 77.Kf3 Be7 78.Rb8 Rd4 79.Ke3 Re4+ 80.Kf3 Rb4 81.Rrb7 Rh3+ 82.Ke2 Bg5 83.Nc5+ Ke5 84.Nxa6 Rxh5 85.Rb5+ Kf4 86.Rb4+ Kg3 87.Rb3+ Kg4 88.Nc5 Rh2+ 89.Kf1 Rs2 90.Rb4+ Kf3 91.Ra4 Rc2 92.Nd3 Bd2 93.Ne1+ Bxe1 94.Kxe1 0.5 - 0.5

IN THE following position from the 1966 Women's Olympiad between Troyanska and Jovanovic, White thought she could win a piece with Bxc6. She was in for a nasty surprise. What was Black's refutation?





Lions that were in this area around King David's time still existed in Iraq till the 19th century.

Animals have come, gone, stayed

ver the centuries a number of mammals, birds and reptiles have disappeared from Israel. Some of them disappeared so long ago that they are almost legendary while others have become extinct within living memory. Of these others there are several mammals that once lived here and are now seen, if at all, only as zoo specimens or in a Hai-Bar park.

Although the Scriptures mention lions about 100 times and in several contexts, the local strain of Felis leo (the lions that were in existence here at the time of King David) still existed in Iraq right up to the 19th century. Unlike many other strains that prefer open prairie lands as a habitat, the local lions flourished in the area along the Jordan River and in Iraq along the Euphrates. Many of the Crusaders mention lions in their journals - and it appears that through their hunting of lions, it was the Crusaders who made them extioct.

The Syrian bears (Ursus arctos), on the other band, fared much better and, against many odds, managed to survive well into this century.

H.W.H. Tristram, an English oaturalist who studied the oatural history of this part of the world during the second half of the 19th century, saw this magnificent animal along the Arbel near the Kinneret.

NATURE D'VORA BEN SHAUL

As late as 1945 a bear was killed near Homs in Syria. This large animal fed mostly on fruit, mush-rooms, seeds and birds' eggs and was also an enthusiastic seeker of honey. These bears only exist today because the species was preserved in British zoos, particu-larly the London Zoo which had Syrian bears sent to it in the late

19th and early 20th century. Cheetahs (Acinonyx jubatus, bardelas in Hebrew), held out even longer than the lion or the bear. This swift-footed cat could still be seen in the Negevas late as the 1930s and cheetah skins were on sale in the market in Beersbeba until the middle of World War II. About 25 years ago a female with cubs was spotted to Jordan near Aqaba and some zoologists suspect that the animal may not be intally extinct and a few may still live in southern Jordan.

If you want to see the White Oryx, (Orys leucary: re'em), you can only dn so in a zoo or at the Hai-Bar reserve io the Arava near Yotvata where they are being bred under strict protection.

This large ungulate with straight saber horns was once found in all the desert areas of the region. It is one of the most impressive members of the antelope family and was hunted to near-extinctioo

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here during World War L The last of them were killed in Jordan in the early '50s by workers on the oil pipeline who hunted them in jeeps. The ones seen today in reserves and zoos were brought here from the US where there is an active breeding program under way to save the remnants of the species.

Two species of local deer are also no longer found in the wild and are now found only in zoos and reserves. The red deer (Dama mesopotamico, Yahmur in Hebrew) and the Carmel deer (Copreolus capreolus, oyelet hacarmel) both disappeared in the early part of the 20th century. mostly as a result of uncontrolled hunting. It was thought they existed only in private parks and zoos in Europe until, in 1956, a herd of some 30 red deer were discovered in Iran. The herd was severely protected before the 1979 revolutinn but their current status is not known since the fail of the shah, But lest we fall into the trap of thinking that only the larger animals are worthy of ootice it must be mentioned that less than 50 years ago the draining of the Hula wetlands caused the extinction of the black-throated frog, of two rare species of dragonflies and at least one species of food fish. Our century is not one to remember with pride where the protection of

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Norwegian international team. dominates festival

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

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HE Norwegiau interna-tional team dominated the last two events at the Israelt Bridge Festival last week in Tel Aviv when one pair, Geir Helgemo and Geir Olav Tislevold, won the Open Pairs, and the team - including Glenn Grotheim and Terie Aa - took first place in the Swiss Teams. Helgemo, Norway's youngest

and most famous champion. showed his expertise on this deal from the Swiss when Norway was matched against a national team from Germany.

Sitting South, Helgemo responded one spade to his partner's one-heart opening bid, and heard Tislevold rebid four-diamonds. This was a splinter hid, showing a singleton or void in diamonds and a strong spade raise.

Holding strength in partner's shortness is usually a bad thing. hut Helgemo had other working values, so he decided to move toward slam. Four notrump was Roman Keycard Blackwood and his partner's five-club response showed zero or three keycards (the king of trumps and the four aces are keycards). The partnership was off only ooe keycard, so Helgelmo bid the slam. West led the queen of clubs,

taken in dummy with the ace. The slam appeared to be cold, needing ooly a 3-2 trump divi-sion, after which the fourth club in the South hand could be ruffed in dummy. Helgemo led the spade jack from dummy at trick two, ducked by East. Next came the spade four to the queen. This revealed the 4-1 spade split, and oow declarer could up longer draw trumps, ruff a club, cash the jack of diamonds, and return to his hand with a heart ruff.

Helgemo played a third round of trumps to the king. East won with the ace and tried to cut communications by leading the 10 of clubs to South's jack. Helgemo ruffed a club in dummy and returned to his hand hy overtaking the jack of diamonds with the queen.

This left him with a loser in diamonds. He drew the last trump and cashed his remaining minor-suit winners. At this point dummy held the ace-queen of hearts, and it appeared that the finesse in hearts was declarer's only chance.

But Helgemo was counting the East hand and made an interesting deduction.

East had shown up with four trumps and five clubs, then followed to three rounds of diamonds. If he held a fourth diamond, thought Helgemo, he would he void in hearts and would have doubled the slam for a heart lead. (Most experts play that the double of a slam calls for the first suit hid by dummy.) That meant East was precisely 4-1-3-5 shape.

Now, the chance that East's singleton heart was the king certainly was not a good one. In fact, it was five-to-one against. But Helgemo had an "eight" up his sleeve.

When he came down to two cards in his hand and two in dummy, he was holding the deuce of hearts and the eight of diamonds opposite the acequeen of hearts.

West was forced to keep the 10 of diamonds and, therefore, only one heart. Helgemo led his deuce of hearts, and when West followed with the jack, Helgemo knew that his other card was the diamond. So he confidently went up with the ace of bearts, caught the singleton king and scored his slam.

Gardeners weave their web on the Net

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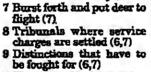
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- 12 Bird making harsh sound (4)
- 18 Quick turn round in public transport (5)
- 14 Standing order for printers
- 17 Follow on and win (7)
- 18 Time tha bowler started? More than time! (7)
- 19 Broken traadle had a
- warning notice (7)
- 22 There's no smoke without it! (7)
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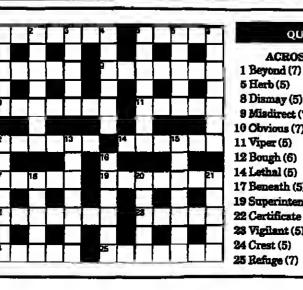
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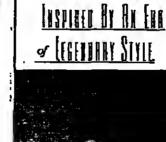
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f you have a computer and a modem, you have access to the "garden forum," which is a group of friendly, enthusiastic and helpful green-thumbers from all over the world.

other life forms is concerned.

"What can I plant under my roses?" "Where can I get seeds for a really hot pepper?" and "Which are the most fragrant roses?" are some of the questions asked by members of the Internet gardening forum. Answers from other Internet users are quickly forthcoming.

Meanwhile, elsewhere on the Net, members debate the use of azaleas for bonsai, share ideas for a cactus garden, offer recipes for a faster batch of compost, and compare notes on their favorite or most disappointing mail-order sources.

Members of the forum are a mixed bunch, from new gardeners planting their first patch of soil, to landscape architects with longstanding degrees in botany.

Questions can get pretty esoteric sometimes. The Internet puts everyone on the same level and new members are always welcome to enter.

The forum is divided into special interest groups so that herb gardeners can discuss their basil collections without boring orchid enthusiasts who want to talk about phals and caus. You will probably

GARDENING be totally amazed when you see the variety of questions which appear. You may well find that you are knowledgeable in areas which you never realized, and before long you will also be sending in your own helpful hints.

Members "talk" to each other by sending messages for later retrieval. It's like checking your mailbox. A few days or a week after you have sent in your question, you will find replies, as well as dozens of new conversations

on other subjects. There is a section which holds discussions ou areas of general interest for recreational gardenersand also divisions for specific interest groups. Last week the "rose group" alone had 178 letters in circulation, and the "orchid

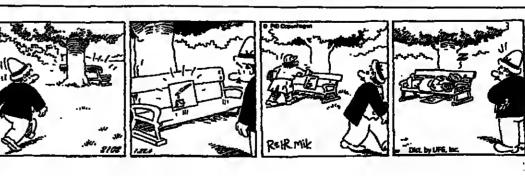
group" had 76. If you have an area of interest not already under discussion, it's easy to start a new group. In addition to all this personal attention, you will find that there are many kinds of reference books, three gardening encyclo-pedias, and beautifully illustrated

pages from some of the world's famous gardens. The Internet also provides access to the Haifa Botanical Institute aud the Botany

Department of the Tel Aviv University, which gives you special advice on what grows best, and where, in all the various climatic zones in Israel. These services are so new that in some cases the information has not yet been completely entered and you may have to wait for specific information. All this is included in the price of your Internet membership, and a better investment you can hardly find.

LET me remind you of a hit of important information. With spring just around the corner, you bould know that anyone with a garden in Jerusalem is entitled to a reduction in their water hills for the period of April to October. Pay a visit to the Water Department (main floor) in City Hall. Bring along the measurements of your garden and a water hill from the previous month and request the reduced rate for garden watering. The city wants to encourage us to beautify especially this year, when we expect so many visitors for the 3000 celebration.

For those who live in other parts of the country, I suggest that you try your own water department and see what they will offer. And don't forget to water your plants in the early morning to save water, and use a drip system instead of a lawn sprayer.





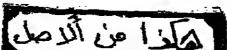
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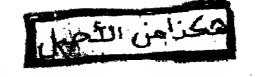
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Model Michaela Bercu and comedian Tuvia Tsafir entertain a patient at Schneider Children's Medical Center. (Sivan Farag)

An early Purim for patients

GREER FAY CASHMAN

ATIENTS AT Schneider Children's Medical Center in Petah Tikva started Purim early when members of Yeladim Shelanu (Our Childreo), a voluntary fundraising organization in con-junctioo with Toys 'R' Us toured the wards distributing Purim gifts, masks and clowns' hats. The group included comedy star Tuvia Tsafir, top model Michaela Berca and Leon Koffler, who is the Toys 'R' Us representative in Israel. Koffler, who was reluctant to don a mask, was finally persuaded by Bercu, but she did not have to employ the steamy kiss she plants on the elevator operator in the chewing-gum commercial. Koffler, by the way, promised to establish a toys and sames room on every floor of the eoter.

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THE Coalition of Women's Organizations, which runs a very wants to boost attendance at its functions, seems to be less resourceful when notifying invitees that plans have changed.

"IA symposium organized this week to enable nine women runking for slots on Labor, Meretz, Likud and National Religious Party tickets to talk to women about issues that transcend party differences, was canceled out of respect for the victims of Sunday's terrorist bombing.

(Several women who received their invitations as late as the day of the event turned up after making last-minute changes in plan only to find a handwritten notice; an the door announcing the cancellation.

The consensus was that the pro-

gram should not have been called

off and that Dalia Itzik, Yael Aran,

the Knesset on Wednesday in honor of International Women's Day (March 8) at the iovitation of the Knesset Committee for the Advancement of the Status of Women. One, Nadia Hilou, declared that she's entitled to double equality as both a woman and an Arah. "I want to be the first Arab

woman in the Knesset," said the attractive mother of four who holds a master's degree in social work. She is a member of the directorate of the Tel Aviv Foundation and was the first Arab admitted to the Geographic Ceoter, which conducts public opinion surveys. among other things. Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss,

who took time out of the plenum to greet the women, was in some-what of a dilemma. "If I encourage more women to run for the Knesset, then fewer men will get in. If I'm not elected," he said, "T'll return to academia and 1'll support you from there."

THE NEXT government, regardless of who heads it, will be limited to 18 ministers. Labor MK Yael Dayan urged that women should oot cootent themselves with only ooe token minister. "Let's go for as many as possible," she said, acknowledging that aiming for 50% of the ministerial portfolios might be too high, but stressing that 10% was too low. Meretz MK Naomi Chazan dreamed out loud of the day when the defense portfolio would be given to a woman. -izio appliet in a second second

FORMER EILAT mayor Rafi Hochman could not breathe easy until this week when the Supreme Court upheld his 1993 acquittal on charge of bribery, fraud and viola-tion of public trust. The state appealed the Beersheba District Court decision ... and lost. The popular and dynamic Hochman, who believes he was the victim of a witch-hant, has not decided whether to run again for public office. But he may yield to pressure from Eilatis who want to see him back in the driver's seat.

A brotherly act on stage and off

Down's syndrome sufferer Dekel Shikartzi was once rejected by his brother. Now playing themselves onstage, they are reunited, **Ori Golan** writes

E walks onto the stage and introduces himself: "Hello, my name is Dekel Shikartzi," he says io slow, articulated speech, "and I was born with Down's syndrome. I am an actor, singer and painter. And I am also Ofer's brother." And so begins the two-man play

portraying the intricate relationship between two brothers, Ofer, a 35year-old professional actor and dancer, and Dekel, his 21-year-old brother. It is a dialogue between two brothers who grew up in the same house, yet only got to know each other years later.

"Dekel was born when I was 14 years old," Ofer begins. "For over six years I had no contact with him at all. I shut him off from my life. We lived in the same house, but in different spheres. He lived in one end of the house and I in the other." He looks at his brother and says, "I so much wanted you to he like everyone else. Today I accept you and love you as you are." He kisses

his younger brother. 'My brother didn't know that he had a brother with feelings. A brother made of flesh and blood," retorts

Dekel admonishingly. Through their dialogues, the two brothers take the audience on an emotiooal whiripool, with sentiments oscillating from humor to heartache, as they confront one another and talk candidly about their feelings toward each other, toward their family, and toward society at

"One day," says Ofer, "after a number of years that I spent abroad, we got on a bus, Dekel and L As was my habit in those days, I left Dekel sitting near the front of the bus oo his own, while I went and sat in the back. A few minutes later, a crowd of school kids boarded the bus and as soon as they noticed Dekel, they started teasing him and making fun of him.

"Furious, I got up to intervene, but before I got there I heard Dekel say to them: I am asking you to stop making fun of me. 1 was born with Down's syndrome. Please, stop teasing me because you wouldn't want to be in my situation." I was left stupefied. Suddenly 1 felt so proud of him. So proud that he could stand up for himself. Proud that he was my brother." That he points out, was the turning point in his relationship with Dekel

with him. He turns to the audience: "Look me in the eyes - even if they are squint - and tell me: Can you accept me as I am?" He speaks with a heavy lisp and an occasional stammer. "Will you ever stop looking skywards whenever I pass you by? Will you ever cease talking to, or about, me in the third person as though I don't understand or exist?" Total silence falls oo the audience. You can hear a pin drop.

"Don't forget that if you had one chromosome too many, you would also be like me."

OFFSTAGE, Ofer says: "The irony with Dekel is that, although he has inherited a genetic defect, he has also inherited our family's artistic genes. I think that he is a genuinely gifted actor and poet. And I believe this comes across in our play. As for his singing... I think he sings like a frog." Both brothers laugh. "But I am also an artist," Dekel

reminds him.

"Five years ago, during the Gulf war," Dekel recounts, "I entered a national painting competition on the theme of sealed rooms sponsored by Ma'ariv newspaper and 1 came second. Meni Pe er, who hosted the evening in which the prizes were distributed, called out the names of the three runners-up, and asked them to come and collect their prizes. When my name was called out and I approached him, he looked at me, speechless. He was shocked. I had to say to him: 'Yes. I have Down's syndrome,"

As the play develops, the conversatioo between the brothers veers toward family life. Dekel talks to Ofer of his quest for female companionship, and Ofer recalls feeling overshadowed by Shahar, their other brother, a brilliant actor and musician, whom he idolized and even followed when Shahar became reli-

"For three years I studied pages of Gemara because of my reverence for Shahar," says Ofer. They speak of their years of separation during Ofer's long absence while on an acting career abroad; and of this, their joint performance, which for Ofer entailed tuming down career opportunities elsewhere. The conversation takes on tones of accusations, frustration and reconciliation, as the two siblings move from one subject to the next.

Feelings of anger, sacrifice and jealousy all surface in the course of their dialogues and one has the distinct feeling of having dropped in on a private, intimate, conversation between two brothers, and not wanting to disturb this moment of stocktaking "One of the aims of this play." explains Ofer. "is to involve the audience to the point that they are not sure whether we are improvising or really acting. To this end, there is constant intermoving and can even serve as one of He who is different is made of the highlights of the performance," says Ofer. "We once performed in action between the two brothers and flesh and blood. the audience, with Ofer talkingdi-He who is different, with God's rectly to the audience in some parts front of a group of high-school help. and engrossed in conversation with pupils. At the end of the show, a also has a mother. Dekel - oblivious of the onlookers young man got up and as be was A mother who knows how to love. about to speak, he broke down cryin others. A mother who has a heart of gold. Dekel too turns to the audience. ing. He said that he had a sister who A mother who will not desert us. He chooses one female member of has Down's syndrome and until then Because we, who are different, the audience and commences on a he had kept it a secret because he we are human beings. flirtatious dialogue explaining why was ashamed of her. He now want-We are just like anyone else. she is the woman for him, causing ed his friends in meet her." made of flesh and blood. Dekel says he would never have some members of the audience in laugh, and others to writhe in come this far without the support of AT THE end of their performance, his parents. Indeed, their mother is embarrassment. Dekel and Ofer give the members of Emotions reach fever pitch toward usually present at their perforthe audience a chance in ask questhe end of their act, as Dekel recites mances and hopes to accompany tions and share their views and them on their upcoming tour abroad. one of his own poems. impressions. "Their reactions can often be very He who is different is still a human Dekel also often forges special relationships with his audience. "We being. ON SUNDAY - OUTLOOK DAY IN THE RABBI'S SONS The group who first brought you THE JERUSALEM POST Ð the best of Jewish Music " PAD" " 3/KN D3 DEE" " CIKID IN" American Outlook: comments by Alan Dershowitz, Martin Presents THE RABBI'S SONS Peretz, Evans and Novak and "קיוינו כל היום" Composed by Rabbi Baruch Chait Available in most music stores All proceeds to furthering Jewish Education For further information call 08 261 266

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Dekel during a performance asks the audience: Look mc in the eyes - even if they are squint and tell mc: Can you accept mc as I am? (Below) With brother and fellow performer Ofer,



Esther Bitan, Debbie Ben-Ami, Naomi Chazan, Geula Cohen, Yael Amishav, Viva Sivan and Michal Shochat had all missed an important opportunity to make a joint decision on how to deal with national tragedies and belp families of victims of terrorism.

BRIGHTER NEWS on the omen's front is that Yael Shaltieli of Kibbutz Nevch Or has created a ripple in male-dominated district councils by becoming the first woman to be elected to head a district council. A widow and mother of two, Shaltieli. 50, is the new chairwoman of the Beit She'an Valley District Council whose furisdiction extends to 23 moshavin and kibbutzim.

SEVERAL would-be MKs came to

EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR Mohamed Bassiouny this week led a 30-member delegation of Egyptian husinessmen to Ashdod to look at trade and joint-venture opportunities. Ashdod is of particular significance to Egyptians not only because it is a port city hut because it has a mooument to fallen Egyptian soldiers.

"I now deeply regret all those wasted years spent in unacceptance and denial," he tells the audience, almost apologetically. "All those years that I did not see my brother growing up, taking his first steps, learning to ne his shoelaces, or learning in read."

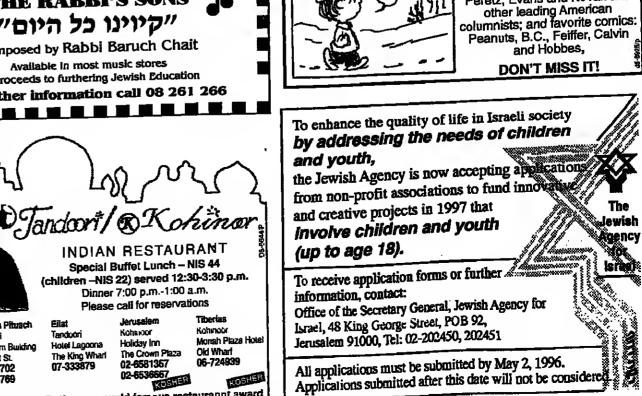
With his dramatic intonations, comic facial expressions and selfassurance, Dekel manages to keep the audience riveted to their seats. manipulating their emotions with an adroitness reserved for fine artists. When he talks about society. about being different and wanting desperately to belong, you cannot help but feel guilty. As he recounts a deeply upsetting experience in the Scouts, where he was bullied by another boy, the heart wants to cry

once performed in front of an audi-ence of kids who had been abandoned by their parents and afterwards many of them became my friends. They need a lot of love. There are a lot of people who need to be loved. And I have a lot of love to give."

At the Other End of the House was written by scriptwriter Bella Altman-Hadas and directed by Ravit Langlieb-Ziv.

Ofer and Dekel Shikartzi are currently working on an English version of the play, which they intend to perform io the US and in Britain. The first performance in English is due to be staged at ZOA House, Tel Aviv, at the end of March.

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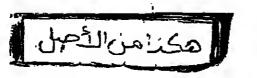
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ON THE AGENDA AMOTZ ASA-EL

THE Supreme Court partially exonerated this week the financiers who last decade led Israel's worst ever hanking fiasco, and rightly so; not because the former leaders of Hapoalim, Discount, Leumi and Mizrahi deserved punishment weaker or harsher than the heavy fines that were imposed on them, but because - as the judges pointed out - the bankers were not alone in it.

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> True, their stock manipulation method - which involved the establishment of subsidiaries which purchased the banks' own shares, thus artificially and illegally affecting their market value was first launched in the mid-1970s by Hapoalim CEO Ya'acov Levinson, who committed suicide the year after the 1983 stock-exchange crasb. Eventually all major banks except First International -took part in the monetary orgy which ended in a financial catastrophe that hurt thousands of innocent citizens.

> Yet the banks' manipulations were executed under the noses of. regulators and legislators whom the judges charged with passive approval of the hankers' crimes. Indeed, the inflationary soil on which these economic weeds

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flourished was nurtured and fertilized by politicians who placed economic issues - if anywhere at all - on the bottom of their agendas.

Had it not been for hyper-inflation - which sent every Israeli adult scrambling for alternative financial instruments in a Sisyphean attempt to preserve a hard-working person's purchas-ing power - the scams would have attracted much less money and affected far fewer people. And what destroyed price stability was a newly incumbent Likud's well intended, but tragically ill-prepared and hastily implemented economic reform which exposed overnight a naked lira - the shekel's predecessor to the tempest of full floatation.

Some of that affair's key protagonists – particularly Menachem Begin and his Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich - are no longer with us. But the precedent they set should loom ominously before every aspiring politician as a reminder that, challenging as other tasks might be, there can be no governance where economics is a side sbow, and there can be no sound economics without long-term planning and carefully studied road maps.

more foreign workers THE Association of Contractors **JENNIFER FRIEDLIN** and Builders has demanded a 50 percent increase in foreign con-

struction workers. The request comes in response to the closure on the territories that will prevent 30.000 Palestinians construction workers from working here, half of all Palestinians who enter Israel to seek employment, association president Mordechai Yona said yesterday.

Predicting that the closure will be imposed for at least three months, Yona called on Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir and Construction and Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer to issue 25,000 permits for foreign

TEVA Pharmaceuticals yesterday

announced a rise in annual net

profits to \$79.79 million from \$71.64m. in 1994.

write-off) from \$13,17m,

the write off), from \$17.85m.

Revenues rose to \$192.86m.

from \$160.6m., while earnings

laborers to work here. Currently 73,000 foreigners hold such permits, 50,000 of whom work io construction.

Namir will meet with Prime Minister Shimoo Peres at the start of next week to discuss the request and to determine the most effective way of ensuring security against future terrorist attacks, a government spokesman said yesterday.

If the government agrees to the contractors' request, it will signify a turning point in Peres' vision of integrating Israeli and Palestinian workforces.

"In general the government prefers a secure situation with the Palestinians working here instead of foreign workers," said Zvi Timor, spokesman for the Labor Ministry. "But the issue is one of security.

The lack of Palestinian workers will cause a loss in output worth NIS 400 million per month, said association director general Amos Bar-Am.

In the last three years, 70,000 Israelis have begun working io construction, but there are not enough willing to fill the the contractors' needs, Bar-Am said. The constructioo industry

employs 220,000 workers, 146,000 of whom are Israelis.

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received 12 FDA Abhreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) and introduced eight of those products - mainly during the second half of 1995.

Local pharmaceutical sales increased to \$263m. from \$225.74m.

Teva is currently negotiating the acquisition of Biocraft Laboratories, a US generic pharmaceuocals manufacturer.

This proposed merger would substantially enlarge Teva's global manufacturing and marketing. Nice Systems yesterday reported a 92 percent drop in net profits for 1995 to NIS 566,000 from NIS 52.83m. Annual revenues were NIS 65.8m. from NIS 28.2m. Earnings per share were NIS 0.09 from NIS 9.93.

The company said the drastic fall in yearly profits was due to losses on ongoing activities of the past two years and to significant investments in development and marketing of new products, in addition to the construction of an advanced operations system.

Fourth quarter 1995 net profits were NIS 1.4m., as compared with third quarter 1995 net fosses of NIS 500,000.

The return to profitability was influenced by a public offering on Wall Street in January and February of this year in which



Friday, March 1, 1996

Mahteshim to invest in CO2 line: Mahteshim will complete a \$1.5 million investment in a new CO2 production line by the end of the year. The CO2 will be marketed to the soft drink industry through a pact with compressed air systems firm Maxima. Rachel Neiman

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Trafalgar wins Thai-UK venture: Trafalgar House Plc yesterday won the largest venture ever between Briosh and Thai firms when one of its units signed a £445m. contract with Thai Special Steel Industry Plc (TSSI) to build a steel complex. Reute

Czech truckmaker Tatra agrees to rescue plan: Shareholders of the cash-strapped Czech truck maker Tatra a.s. agreed vesterday to a rescue plan which hands over financial control to its main creditor, Komercni Banka a.s. Reuter

Int'l groups bid on phone tender JUDY SIEGEL

SIX international consortia have applied to the Communications Ministry to supply international dialing services in competition with Bezeq.

Communications Minister Sbulamit Aloni said the two winning consortia will be chosen according to the price they offer, and the quality of services includ-ed in their bid. The six consortia are:

Dolphin International Telecommunications: BellSouth, the Safra Brothers, Discount Investments, Teleglobe of Canada,

Isranet, and S. Piotarkovsky. Newton Group: Tadiran Communications, Idan, Darcom, British Telecom, and MCA in the

Barak Group: Clalcom, Sprint US, Matav, Deutsche Telekom, and France Telecom,

Kavei Zahav Southwestern Bell, Group: Aurek, Globescom, Stat Italy, and Cahan. Eurokol Group: Poslim Infrastructures and Technologies,

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Net profits before a one-time \$4m. write off were \$83.8m. Fourth-quarter and year-end Annual revenues went up to results included a non-recurring \$667.67m. from \$587.71m., while item reflecting the settlement earnings per share increased to reached between Kupat Holim \$14.56m. (or \$15.28 before the Clalit, the state and Clalit's credi-(OTS.

Net profits for the quarter went up to \$19.8m. (or \$23.8m, before Prior to the settlement, the company wrote off a total of \$4m. after tax.

Total sales of pharmaceuticals increased to \$478m., or 72% of total revenues, from \$426.86m.





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Q. "Tm looking for ways to benefit from the rising markets in the Far East, but I really don't know how to decide which companies to invest in. I'm also nervous about losing money. What do you recommend? A.M.G. from Ra'anana

A. The Asian capital markets are indeed attracting attention lately. In fact, their investment appeal was the subject of a recent cover story in Barron's. If you've decided to invest in the Far East but aren't familiar with the smaller details of the market, it's wise to buy specialized mutual funds. Dozens of these funds are available. If you're afraid of losing money, you can even choose a fund that guarantees the return of your principal, although in this case, your money must be invested for several years.

Of course, the key to successful investing is consulting with an experienced broker who can advise you about the various opportunities that are available.

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· Oil Fields Exploration annual net losses were NIS 12.9m. from losses of NIS 6.72m. net Revenues were NIS 11m. from NIS 2.43m.

Losses were the result of investment in exploring the Maanit 1 site.

Bank Otzar Hahayal reported a 1995 net profit of NIS 28.29 million, compared NIS 28.14m. in 1994.

Income from finance operations before provisions for douhtful debts grew 21% to NIS 159.3m. from NIS 131.6m. Operating income hefore provisions for doubtful debts rose 7% to NIS 78m. from NIS 72.8m.

Management said the rise in activity was reflected in a 12% growth in salary-earning customers and an 11% increase in business customers. Credit to the public reached NIS 3.7 billion, compared with NIS 3.2b. at the end of 1994.

Mishkan, a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, reported a 10% growth in net profits for 1995, to NIS 60.3m. from NIS 54.6m. in 1994. Net return on equity on an annu-

al basis fell to 15.1% from 15.9%. Key factors which contributed to the rise included a 20% rise in financing earnings before provi-sions for doubtful debts, to NIS

161.4m. and a 5% increase in operating income, to NIS 75.46m. The improved earnings were partly offset by a 6.5% rise in provisions for doubtful debts, to NIS 31.65m., and a 9% rise in operating expenses, to NIS 86.6m.

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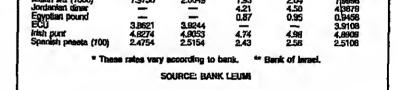
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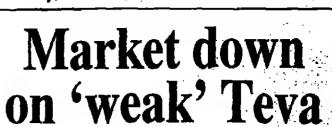
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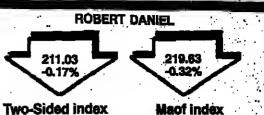
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TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



Two-Sided index

traded, NIS 12.5m. above THE TASE rose for the week as the Bank of Israel announced it Wednesday's level and about would leave interest rates un-

> "The week was positive," said Hoffman. "We saw carnings reports that were good, including Bezeq."

prices in Tel Aviv "if there are no. surprises in New York; if Wall Street will fall sharply, that will influence Tel Aviv."

week are expected to show rising

He added that Bank of Israel's week.

ed, but it strengthened the idea that there might be a rate cut in the future," he said.

Inflation is expected to rise at a monthly rate of 0.5% in February and March, Hoffman added, a rate which would be seen as reasonable. If it does, the central bank "could lower interest rates."

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Bezeq rose 3.2% from last Thursday, as the phone company reported fourth-quarter net income rose 32% due to an increase in the number of phone lines installed in the country. Yesterday, Bezeq shares retreated 1%.

Other declining shares on the Maof Index included investment companies IDB Holding Corp., which fell 1.75% and IDB Development Corp., which fell 1.5%.

FTSE bounces back WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) The FISE 100 closed down but above the day's lows after taking a buffeting from conflicting economic indicators from the United States. Early gains by US stocks helped the FTSE to bounce by the close, and the index ended 10.6 points lower

and fundamental market data ") were good and it was only a matter of time before the blue-chip SMI index would test its all-time high at 3,400 points. The broad SPI index was down 1.19 points to 1.2177.57.

TOKYO - Stocks ended higher as dealers of

NIS 10m. above this week's tradchanged and as Bezeq reported ing level. Yesterday, share prices fell after Teva Pharmacenticals Ltd.

Next week he expects rising

Company earnings reports next profits, said Hoffman.

decision on Monday to leave the rate at which it lends to the banks unchanged at 14 percent contributed to gaining share prices in the

"The rate decision was expect-

Yesterday, the Maof Index fell

rose 1.3% and the Mishtanim In-

0.32% to 219.63. The Two-Sided index fell 0.17% to 211.03. For the week, the Maof Index

Of 990 issues trading across the

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sharply lower mainly on concerns about Wall Street's volatility and Sino-US trade tensions. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index dived 138.97 points or 1.23 percent to end at 11,125.68.

SYDNEY - The share market stormed home to a higher close, turning in its strongest performance of the week with the gold and bank sectors leading the way. The All Ordinaries index was 24.3 points higher at 2,290.0.

JOHANNESBURG - Shares ended mixed after a strange day which saw trading hampered at first hy false rumors about President Nelson Mandela's health and then becoming active once South Africa won a World Cup cricket match against Pakistan. The All-share index inched 2.1 points higher to 6,705.4, the Industrial index dropped 34.9 points to 8,307.1 and the Gold index gained 56.7 points to 1.786.1.



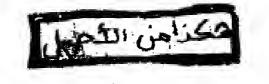
W YORK (Reuter) - Bluestocks extended their losing ak into a fourth session yeslay as the market focused v on the prospects of a US ult in March if no action is n by Congress to raise the n's debt limit.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 20.59 points at 5.485.62, which brought its fourday loss to 146 points. In the broader market, declining issues led advances 14-8 on active volume of 451 million shares.

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JAMBO - The Kenyan team celebrates after their incredible upset win over West Indies yesterday.

Kenya bowls Windies out for 93 in massive upset win

Hudson, Cullinan lift South Africa over Pakistan

EUNE, India (Reuter) - Rank outsiders Kenya thrashed twice for-mer champions West Indies by 73 runs yesterday in the biggest upset in World Cup cricket history.

the section not sp-"The Kenyans shot West Indies TT 26 .TC+ 40out for a miserly 93 in 35.2 overs -2-their lowest Cup total - in an astonishing performance that had the 15,000-strong crowd roaring na i tati a ta with delight.

"The result opened up the possi-bility of a three-way scramble between West Indies, Kenya and Zimbabwe for the fourth and last qualifying place in Group A to go through to the quarter-finals. -Captain Maurice Odumbe was

Kenya's hero, taking three wicks back ets with his off-spinners and also producing a slick piece of fielding to run out Curtly Ambrose late in the innings.

the Nehrn stadium with his team. "We came to the World Cup to From that point w prove that we could play and 1 - on the pressure."

for winning this important match. "I'm very, very disappointed that we did not play as we should have and that is all I bave to say."

A West Indian win had looked a formality after they won the toss, put Kenya in, and bowled them out for 166, with extras of 35 being the highest individual figure on the scorecard.

But then West Indies openers Sberwin Campbell and captain Richie Richardson were bowled by pacemen Martin Suji and Rajab Ali with only 22 on the board.

The crowd bad come to see world record breaker Brian Lara but he fared no better, edging a catch to wicketkeeper Tariq Iqbal off Ali for eight.

Odumbe saw that dismissal as the key to his team's victory. "The "It is like a dream come true," thrains point came when we got said Odninge, almost breathless Brian Lara," he said. "It has been after doing a lap of honor round said repeatedly that you get Lara and the West Indies are shaky. From that point we started putting

ment.

that we did prove that today. A sense of uncase began

West Indies were facing humiliation.

Ambrose attempted to hit his way out of trouble but always found a fielder and then hesitated when batting partner Ian Bishop called for a sharp single and was nin out. At the other end, left-arm spin-

ner Asif Karim tied the batsmen down and he was rewarded with the wicket of Courtney Walsh to make it 89 for nine.

The historic win was sealed when Ali returned to clean bowl last man Cameron Cuffy and West Indies were all out for 93 and a place in the record books they will pot relisb.

The previous lowest West Indies' World Cup total was their 136 against South Africa at Christchurch in the 1992 tourna-

South Africa-Packistan South Africa, ignited by a blazing start from Andrew Hudson and with Daryll Cullinan making a crucial 65, strode to a five-wicket win over World Cup holders Pakistan in their Group B South Africa, who raced to their first 100 runs in 14 overs, scored 243 for five off 44.2 overs in reply to Pakistan's 242 for six off the full 50. captain Hansie Cronje sealing success with an unbeaten 45. The victory was South Africa's ninth successive limited-overs triumph and almost certainly means they

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will finish top of the group, forcing Pakistan to play their quarter-final in India next week - their first trip across

the border in nine years. Hudson, who lived precariously as his 33 off 26 balls, and opening partner Gary Kirsten raced to 50 at the end of the seventh over before Hudson was bowled by a fiery Waqar Younis. Younis rapped Brian McMillan Ibw in his next over for just one but

Kirsten and Cullinan were still able to keep up the momentum against the spinners. Kirsten was bowled by off-spinner Saqiain Mushtaq on 44 and Cullinan eventually became another Younis victim, but by that stage South Africa were coasting to victory, reaching 200

with 15 overs to go. Cronje, who had made a vital contribution earlier with his bowling, then steered the team home.

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National hoopsters down Byelorussia

THE national team secured an impressive victory over Byelorussia, as all 10 players scored in a 95-73 win at Hadar Yossef lass night.

The victory boosts Israel's record to 3-2, while Byelorussia fails to 3-2.

The win was a crucial morale booster for the Israelis, who lost their last home game to Bosnia and needed a victory to realistically stay in the hunt to advance.

Byelorussia, coming off a shocking victory over Greece in Athens, opened the game strongly last night, using a ferocious fast pace to take a 9-4 lead four minutes into the game. But Israel failed to will oo its

own home court this time around and responded with a 19-0 run in the next six minutes to build up a 23-9 advantage_

Although Israel never relinquished the lead after that, Byelorussia immediately attempt-ed to get hack into the game by

RICHARD ZAACKS taking advantage of the absence from the court of Nadav Henefeld (third foul) and Ofer Fleisher (out temporarily with an eye injury) to cut the margin to 29-25 with five

minutes to go in the half. But Tomer Steinhauer rose to the occasion to score eight consecutive points and pull down three offensive rebounds to close out the half with a 19-4 run and

give the Israelis a comfortable 4433 lead a the half. Israel took no chances after the break, as Adi Gordon - celebrating his return to national team participation - opened the second half with four quick points to up the advantage to 48-34.

Another returnee to the national team, Papi Turgeman, contributed with a strong defensive effort and caused three key turnovers. Another encouraging sign was the play of the younger members of the squad, who took over from the veterans and kept up the pressure on Byelorussia by building up a lead that was at one point as high as 92-62.

For Israel, Steinhauer had 19 points on 75 percent shooting from the field, Motti Daniel bad 18. Doron Jamchee 16, and Gordon 11.

Byelorussia was led by star forward Valery Daiynaco, who was held scoreless until midway through the first half and finished with 17. Dmitri Kazmin chipped in with 16.

In other Group A results, Bosnia defeated Slovakia 84-74 and Greece beat Georgia 100-66.

The European National Championships now take a break until October.

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UConn rallies to beat Rutgers

Allen, a national player of the

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tionally set aside as Senior Night.

along with his graduating team-

mates, he certainly left the fans

something to remember him by.

He had a career-high 39 points and made a career-best nine 3-

The sellout crowd of 8,241 was

on its feet chanting "One more

year!" well before his final 3-

The Huskies, who had already

secured the No. 1 seed for the Big

East tournament, finished unbeat-

Kings 90, Knicks 85

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Sbould Allen decide to depart

STORRS, Conn. (AP) n't start playing until there were Connecticut's Ray Allen answered his frustrations with the best offensive performance of his career. The No. 4 Huskies still 10 minutes to go." for the NBA at the end of his have some questions as the regu-lar season winds down. junior season, was hrilliant in UConn's last home game, tradi-

Allen came alive from 3-point range late in the first half to help his team rally from a 15-point deficit and eventually overcome Rutgers 78-66 Wednesday night.

UConn coach Jim Calhoun praised Allen's performance and credited him with turning around the game. But the fact that the Huskies let themselves fall behind 30-15 to Rutgers in their own building had him concerned.

"We were taken out of the game by a Rutgers team that got on us early and made sbots," he said. "We didn't play very focused or with defensive intensity. We did-

en in 15 games at home. They wrap up the regular season **O'Neal powers Magic over Heat**

ORLANDO (AP) - Sbaguille O'Neal won another personal matchup with Alonzo Mourning and the Orlando Magic cooled off the Miami Heat with a 116-112 victory.

O'Neal had 31 points and 14 rebounds to Mourning's 18 points and 10 boards Wednesday night as the Atlantic Division leaders improved to 29-0 at home and dealt Miami its first loss since

Sarunas Marciulionis made two 3-pointers in the final 1:41, including the go-ahead score, and host Sacramento snapped an 11-game losing streak by bearing New York. Marciulionis was activated from the

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injured list earlier in the day after missing 14 games following antro-scopic knee surgery. Mitch Richmond's 22 points led the Kings, who outrebounded the Knicks 64-36. Billy Owens added 16 points and 18 rebounds while Olden Polynice had 17 rebounds and 14 points, all in the second half. Patrick Ewing had 31 points to lead the Knicks, who lost their season-high fourth straight. Ewing had missed the previous three games with a sprained left ankle.

day to day.

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WEDNESDAY'S TOP 25 HOOPS: No. 2 UMass 68, St. Joseph's 66 (OT) No. 4 Connecticut 78, Rutgers 66 No. 12 Penn St. 78, Northwestern 62

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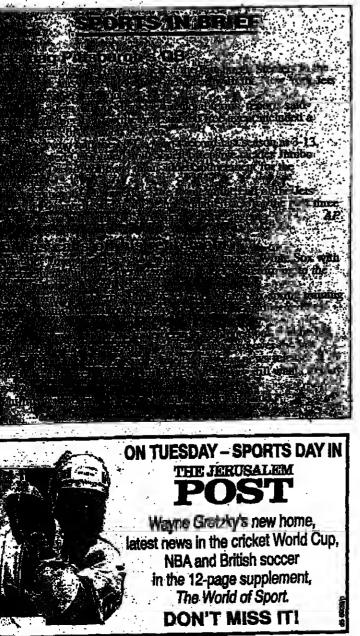
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Roger Harper and at 78 for seven South Africa

ing into the West Indian batting when Keith Arthurton was run out one run later to make the score 35 for four. That unease became near visible

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Man of the match: Hansie Cronje (South Africa) Result: South Africa won by the wickets



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and Feb 25 respectively.

coach Pat Riley remade the Heat 6 with three trades last week. 0

Anfernee Hardaway just missed a triple-double with 27 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds. Dennis Scott added 25 points for Orlando, which also beat Miami in another Shaq-Zo showdown on February 17.

Tim Hardaway, one of the five players the Heat obtained before last Thursday night's trade deadline, led Miami with 22 points and 13 assists. Rex Chapman had 16 points and Walt Williams 14 points.

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Bruins hand Rangers third straight home loss

NEW YORK (AP) - Ray Bourque and Rick Tocchet scored goals 2:35 apart in the second period and the Boston Bruins beat New York 3-1, handing the Rangers their third straight loss at home following a club record-tying 24-game unheaten streak.

Steve Heinze also scored for Boston with 4:31 remaining in the third period Wednesday night as the Rangers dropped their third straight at home for the first time since last April.

The Rangers, playing without leading scorer Mark Messier, got their only goal from defenseman Bruce Driver as they maintained a four-point lead over Florida for

the top spot in the Eastern Conference. Messier injured his WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS: Edmonton 4, Hartford 4 (tie) Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2 (OT) shoulder in Tuesday night's 5-3 Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers I Philadelphia 4, Dallas 4 (tie) loss to Washington. His status is Winnipeg 4, Toronto 3 Tampa Bay 5, Los Angeles 1 Anaheim 5, Montreal 2

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Erlich advances to satellite semis

EYAL Erlich subdued Raviv Weidenfeld in the quarter-finals of the Club Hotel Eilat satellite in Ashkelon yesterday.

Herzliya 18:00 (0-2):Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Zafririm Holon, Bloomfield (1-Erlich, seeded third and ranked V. Zafrirm Holon, biochineta (1-0);Maccabi Herzliya v. Hapoel Petah Tikva, Reczliya 16:00 (0-0);Hapoel Beersheba v. Betur Jerusalem. Beersheba (1-1);Maccabi Joffa v. 265 in the world, put an end to qualifier Weidenfeld's (679) string of victories which included Hapoel Beit She'an (Gaon Stadium, today 15:00 (0-2); Mac. Petah Tikva v. Betar Tel Aviv. Petah Tikva (0-4); Davis Cup player Noam Behr (293) in the second round.

Erlich beat Weidenfeld 6-4, 6-2 Happel Kfar Sava v. Maccabi Tel Aviv, and will play second seed Ignacio Kfar Sava (1-3);Hapoel Haifa v. Boei Truyol (225) today at 10.30am.

The other semi matches Lior Mor NATIONAL LEAGUE - After 18 rounds and China's Bing Pan after Mor WOLFAP18 14 2 2 40 13 44 beat South African Kevin Ullyett 6-4, 6-2 and Pan stopped Bernd Christandl from Austria 6-2, 6-2. Tomorrow's final begins at 10am.

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 Meanwhile, politics were probably behind Algeris pulling its women players out of the Federation Cup to be played at Ramai Hasharon from March 25 15 15 and including 25 nations in the higgest tournament ever to be hosted in Israel.

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LOCAL SCENE HEATHER CHAIT

Kfar Saba on the run

Shaping up for summer? Enter tomorrow's Kfar Saba Race which offers distances of 10km or 2km. Running the longer race will be lop athletes like Dov Kremer and Amit Ne'eman while the shorter race is for everyone, family, kids, dogs and all. Entertainment will be laid on for those on the sidelines.

Registration begins at 8am and the 10km race sets off at 10.30am. Details: 09 7649313. Follow the leader

Dua Suliman lost both her way and her lead in the 5km cross-country race during last weekend's Isroel Championships. Suliman, from Nazareth, was dutifully following the leading van which took a wrong turn. After 100m, Suliman realized the error, retraced her steps and ended in third place. The winner was Nili Abromsky ()7:07 mins).

Not just sport The rivalry between Nir and Ran Chantal and their yachting rivals Eli Zuckerman and Sa'ar Behr reached legal levels this week wheo the brothers appealed to the Sports Federation's disciplinary committee against Zuckerman/Behr's continuing to vie for the one Olympic Ocket.

Although the Chantals have a clear lead, the other pair passed the Olympic criterion in Canada last year which they had attended on their own steam. The court rejected the Chantals' plea that they had been the official Israeli delegation to Canada, citing 'sporting competition' as the reason why both couples should meanwhile continue in the quest. Olympic disputes

More rivalry in the swimming pool where Eran Gerumi is making his own hid for the Olympic squad, at the possible expense of Eytan Orbach or Dan Kutler. If Gerumi, who ended his retirement from swimming three months ago, beats either swimmer by three-tenths of a second in an international meet in April in Vienna, he's likely to be included in the relay team - unless he's also taken to court on immoral grounds!

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Betar faces crucial match tomorrow HAPOEL Beersheba hosts Betar

> against lowly opposition. Betar are smarting after an IFA disciplinary committee again slapped a punishment on the club for their fans' unruly behavior.

> bome match next week against Maccabi Herzliya to be played without a crowd and an NIS 15,000 fine, after the club already was punished with a radius home game, which the Jerusalemites played in Herzliya against Maccabi Jaffa.

will be around NIS 300,000.

Betar will therefore want to make every effort to ensure maximum points from the fixture in Beersheba tomorrow. The Beershebans, for their part, will not want to sink even further into trouble at the bottom, as they lurk perilously close to the lower reaches of the league.

Maccahi Tel Aviv's away fixture at Hapoel Kfar Sava should not present too many problems for the visitors, despile missing ltzik Zohar - who is suspended for a month following disciplinary action also meted out by the IFA court on Wednesday night.

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Seinzinger is out injured with a Jerusalem in the featured match of broken hand suffered in training on Tuesday. In other matches, Maccahi Haifa face Ironi Rishon at weekend soccer action, as National League leader Maccahi Tel Aviv and third-place Maccahi Herzliva in the televised match on Channel 2 and Hapoel Haifa host Haifa look to have easy fixtures Bnei Yehuda at Kirvat Eliezer. Hapoel Tel Aviv, which is in sixth place, will want to make a good

Man of the match: Maurice Odumbe (Kenya) Result: Kenya beat West Indies by 73 runs

ORI LEWIS

impression on new owner Yehosua Avshalomov, who closed a deal to This time the sentence is a take control of the club this week. This weekend's National League action (all matches kick off tomorrow

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Friday, March 1, 1996

Amir's lawyers deny discord

RAINE MARCUS

THE trial Yigal Amir will resume Sunday, but his attorneys, Gabi Shahar aod Shmoel Fleishman, yesterday vehemently denied radio reports they are at odds over their line of defense.

"Each of us has different areas of responsibility and is dealing with different parts of the defense." said Fleishman, who will apparently concentrate on whether the murder was premeditated or dot

Shahar did not rule out the possibility that Amir was provoked into killing Yitzhak Rabin oo November 4 by Avishai Raviv, the head of Eyal, an extreme rightwing organization, who was later alleged to be a GSS informer. Shahar said several people beard Raviv provoke Amir several times, urging him to carry out the murder, and they may be called as defense witnesses. But nther sources said the Raviv theory is 'total nonsense."

"The case is definitely not black and white, as it may appear

on the surface," Shahar said. "There is all sorts of informatioo A few weeks after Ethiopian imwhich has come to our attention, and we may use anything we coosider appropriate."

Shahar has still not decided if the Navoo Commissioo investihe will use Amir's previous stategating the matter held its first meots that he did not intend to public hearing to a oearly empty murder Rabin, but merely paraauditorium vesterday. lyze him as a line of defense.

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organizers. tweeo psychiatrists aod Amir, "We can't explain why they psychiatric evaluations are curdidn't come. They were invited, and notice of the first meeting rently being prepared, but will probably oot be ready by Sunday. appeared in the press," said Yis-Oo Wedoesday, Fleisbmao, rael Coben, the media adviser to Shahar and lawyer Jonathan Ray the committee, which was ap-Goldberg met with Amir, who pointed by Prime Minister Shiobjects to any arguments claimmon Peres after the uproar over ing that he was in any way insane MDA's policy to avoid using the or suffering from diminished reblood donated by Ethiopian imsponsibility when he shot Rabin. migrants, whn are at relatively However sources said that if high risk for HIV and other disthe psychiatrists' report shows cases. that Amir was meotally dis-The committee is chaired by turbed, the defense will use this,

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Magen David Adom's policy of

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and includes two Ethiopian immigraots - social worker Nalmar Hillel and Ethiopiao Immigrant Association chairmao Adiso Massala. Other memhers are Prof. Eliezer Rachmilevich, Yehezkel Zakai, Dr. Eliahu Winograd, and Haim Nagan.

The session heard surveys of the history of the Jews in Ethiopia from researchers Dr. Shnshana Ben-Dor and Dr. Shalva Weill: recollections of the community's aliya and a discussion of its absorption here by Absorptioo Minister Yair Tzaban.

He said neither he nor Health Mioister Ephraim Sneh knew that MDA was not using blood danatians from Ethinpian Jews. "If we had known, we would have taken action," he said. The matter is put just a medical one. but has many other implications. Tzaban added. He said it is forbidden to estab-

lish a connection between a medi-



Former president Yitzak Navon begins hearing testimony yesterday at the first public hearing on the handling of blood donations from Ethiopian immigrants. Next to him is another member of the inquiry panel, social worker Natmar Hillel. (Brian Hendler)

cal or social pathology and a certain ethoic community. "Any financial price should have been spent in find ways in use the binod of Ethinpian immigrants, and there should not have been a policy based oo oot telling the truth, because many people were partner to this 'secret.'

Tzaban ooted that the violent reactions of some demonstrators showed their anger not only over the blood donation affair but also nver the rabbioical establishment's failure to recognize them fully as Jews. Only a small minority of protesters were violent, he said.

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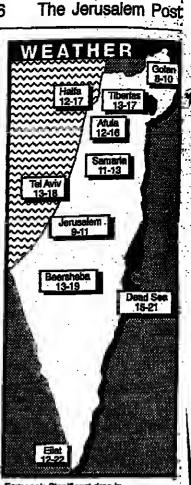
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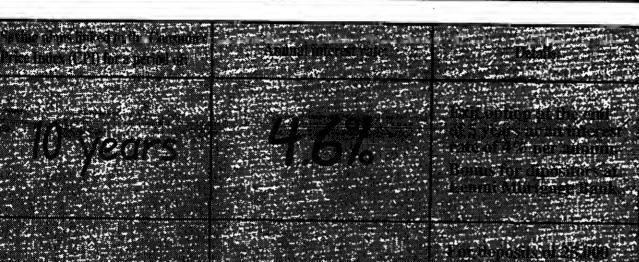
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Banks open today; 5-day week delayed

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE commercial banks will be open today, following Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz's decision to delay the move to a five-day work week. Zion Shema, bank workers union leader, said the change, which was supposed to start today, would be delayed by six to eight weeks.

The Histadrut said the delay is due to the bank workers committee failure to agree on the same day to keep banks closed.

All of the banks plan to close Friday except for Bank Leumi, which is insisting on Sunday. Peretz said the delay is also due to Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles's and Monopolies Supervisor Yoram Turbovitz's request to keep banks open until they examine the implications of the closure on the economy.

Israel Radio reported yesterday that the Bank Lemni works committee was threatening to close the bank on Sunday, as part of a unilateral move to a five-day week. There was no response from management.

Gas and heating fuel prices go up

NIS 2.58.

FUEL prices were increased as of midnight last night, due to regional price rises and changes in the exchange rate, the Energy Ministry said. The price of 96 octane gas was increased by 1.5 perceot, to NIS 2.70 a liter from NIS 2.66. Unleaded fuel went up

> IAI signs satellite deal with US firm



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STEVE RODAN

ISRAEL Aircraft lodustry has formed a joint venture with a US firm with the aim of operating a commercial imagery satellite by the end of 1997, executives said yesterday.

The move, following two years of oegotiations, comes after the Defeose Ministry set guidelines for IAI to enter the commercial satellite imagery market.

IAI's partner is Core Software Technology of Pasadena, California, the operator of North American ImageNet. The company provides information services and prodocts, including satellite and acrial imagery, computer and demographic data.

IAI executives, stressing they will not finance the program oo their own, said both they aod Core will now seek partners to manufacture and launch a coostellatioo of high-resolutioo remote sensing satellites.

They said the project requires an iovestment of betweeo \$60 million and \$80m.

"IAI has been involved in space projects for many years and is continually looking for new opportunities to expaod its market," said Shmuel Alkon, corporate vice president and general manager nf IAI's Electronic Group. "We are looking for other companies to invest, and we might even issue a stock to raise money."

IAI sources said the proposal for a partnership with Core was settled last year. Uoder the arrangemeot, IAI would operate the satellite and Core would distribute the imagery through its worldwide computer oetwork.

The civilian uses for the imaging would be in the fields of mapping, ecology, agriculture and fishing,

But Israeli defense officials opposed the joint vecture. Some of them doubted that IAI, a government company, would profit by entering the commercial imagery market.

